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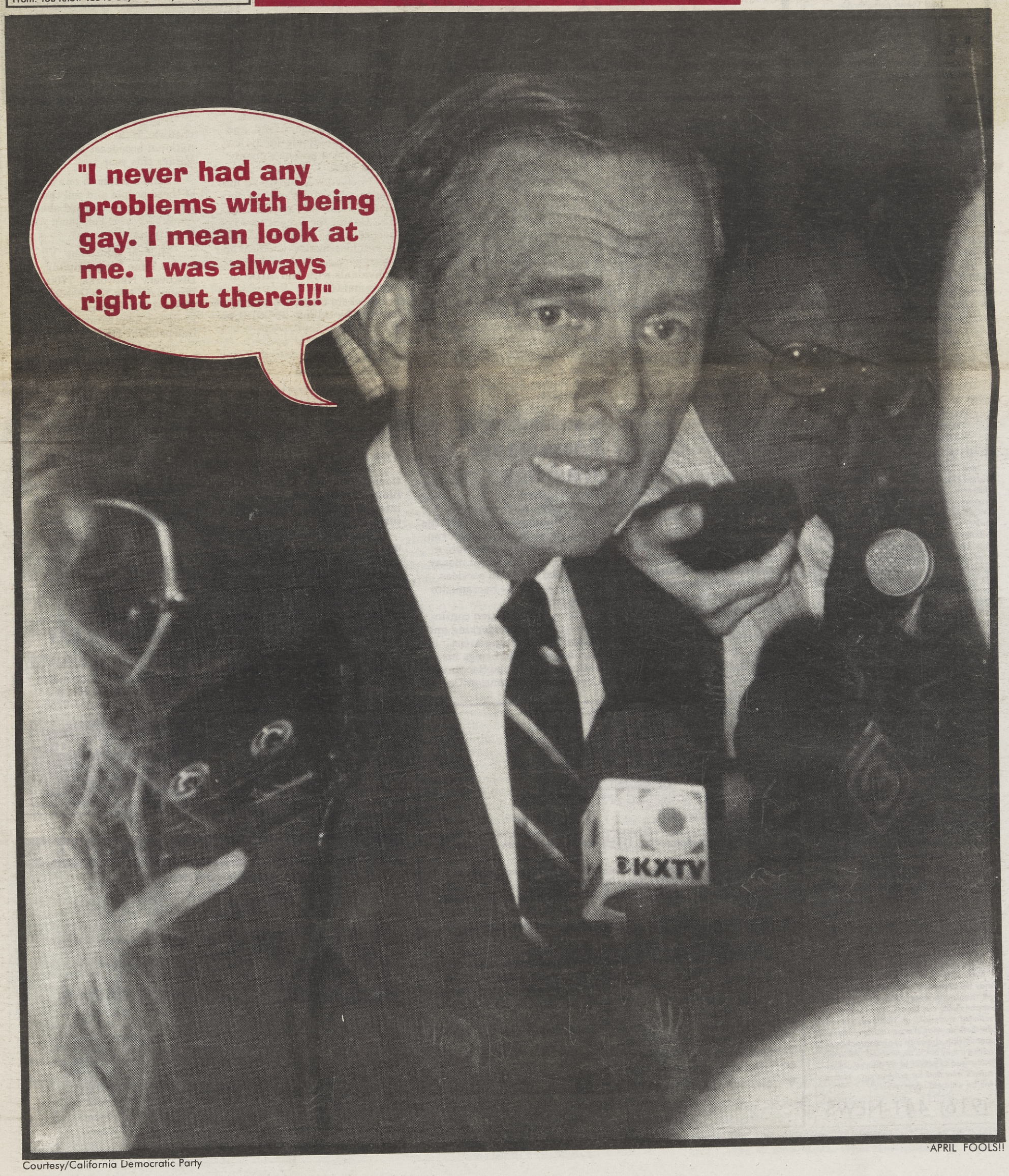

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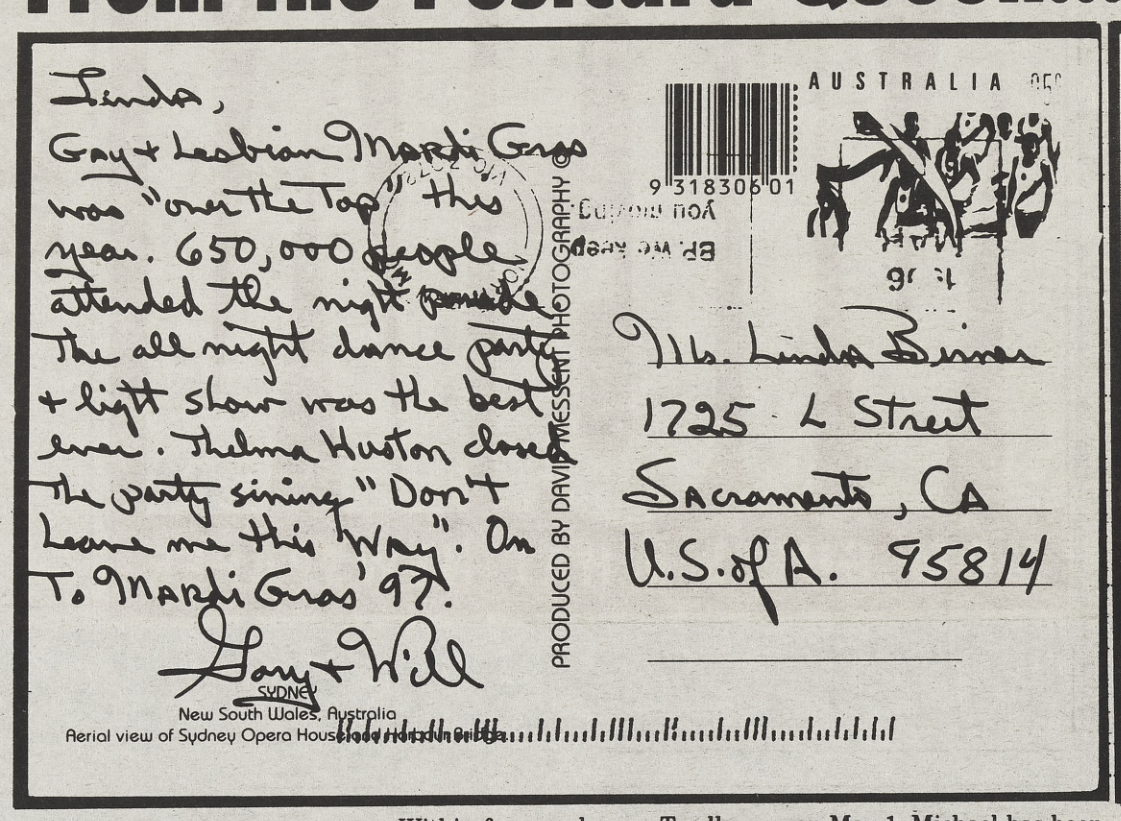
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We're moving!

Dear Editor:

Just a general note to let everyone know of our pending move to San Francisco. Due to my health and because of Paul's commute (125 miles to Walnut Creek and back every day), we've put The Ranch up for sale and have temporarily leased an apartment on the 27th floor of Fox Plaza in San Francisco.

Until The Ranch is sold, we'll obviously be in Placerville on most weekends. We plan to purchase a new home in San Francisco.

We'll certainly miss The Ranch ... but, times change. I no longer have the energy to enjoy our rural retreat and Paul's energy is quickly being drained by a nearly five hour commute and trying to take care of me. He's doing very well and is very healthy ... but I worry about his wearing himself out. Anyway, it's time for a new adventure.

Lest anyone be left with the impression my condition is "serious," suffice to say that I spent November and December in bed. An early January blood test showed I had but four T-cells. I promptly named them Matthew, Mark, Luke and Lucille (a retired Rockette). Immediately began a new "triple drug combination" therapy; including the protease inhibitor Saquinavir and two antiretrovirals, 3TC and AZT. Within four weeks, my T-cells number 116 and my weight increased from 168 to 180. Though still very weak and sick and tired of being sick and tired, I am feeling better for it ... but still have a ways to go. Other than bouts with esophagitis and a recent bout with herpes zoster (which painfully focused on my right eardrum and face), I've continued to avoid any major opportunistic diseases or infections. So much for that ...

I apologize in advance for resorting to a "form" letter. 'Tis much easier this way.

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Continuing a Sacramento tradition

Dear Editor:

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Sincerely,
Ted Ross and
Dennis Mangers

POV turns down *Family Values*

Dear Editor:

Bad news! *POV*, the national PBS series of independent films, after showing great interest in *Family Values*, has turned it down.

Naturally, we are not giving up!

Mitzi Henderson, National President of PFLAG, has said, *Family Values* is "the most personal and affecting account I know of a family dismembered by the dogmas of the 'family values' movement." It is an emotional journey through unchartered territory, evoking suspense, pain and wisdom.

As this election year heats up, and Pat Buchanan and the religious right continue to stage their antigay rallies condemning same-sex marriage — as we come closer to the Republican National Convention in August — "family values" will continue to be the self-righteous rhetoric of intolerance.

Please help us counter that rhetoric. Help us create a national broadcast for *Family Values* this year.

Send a letter to one or more of these people and tell them you have seen or heard about *Family Values*. Tell them you want America to see !

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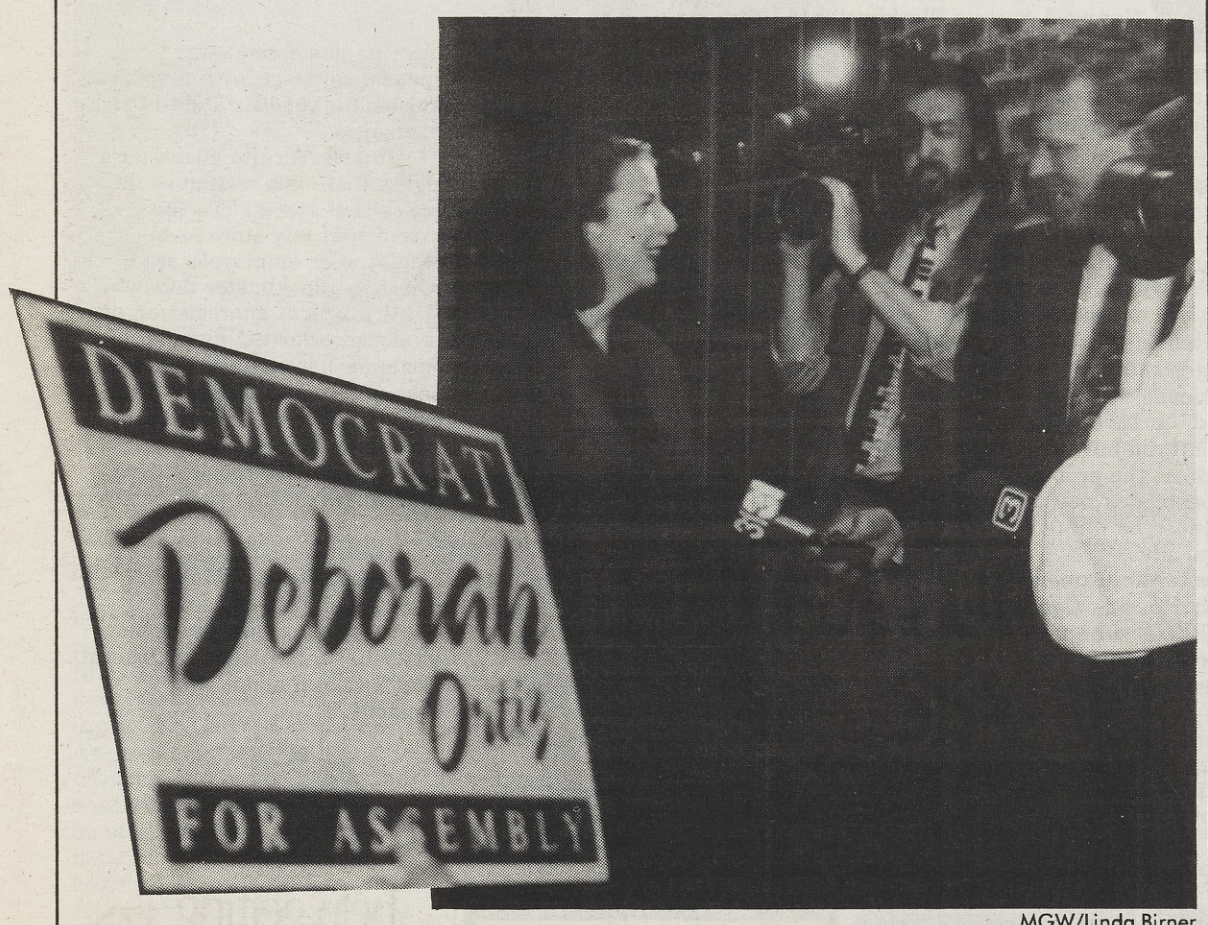

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Deborah Ortiz won the primary for District 9, Assemblymember Phil Isenberg's seat. Isenberg is ending his 14 years of service due to term limits. Ortiz (52%) triumphed over Roger Dickinson (33%) and Bill Camp (14%). Ortiz, a 38-year-old City Councilmember, former legislative staff member, and a law school graduate, is very supportive of g/l issues. One of Dickinson's campaign mailers included false claims that Ortiz had not paid her taxes. Ortiz will continue to need volunteers to get out the vote for the November elections. Info: 454-1194.

Action alert: Oppose AB 3227

Assembly Bill 3227 authored by Assemblymember Pete Knight (R-Palmdale) was introduced in Assembly February 23, and is currently at the Assembly desk.

This bill is dangerous for two basic reasons:

▼ The first paragraph of the bill seeks to eliminate the judicial system from California's decision making process on same gender marriage. This section would remove "checks and balances" on the legislature — it is absurd, offensive, and unconstitutional.

▼ Even without the opening paragraph, this bill is an unfair and inadequate rationale for civil marriage to only be granted to male-female couples. The Hawaiian Supreme Court has already stated that procreation is not a compelling reason to prohibit same gender marriage. It is likely that the California Supreme Court will state the same.

This bill will pass its first committee (Assembly Judiciary) easily. This vote will probably take place mid-April. The bill will then move to the Assembly floor for a full vote. It will be possible to defeat this bill on the Assembly Floor. However, it is crucial that the following Assemblymembers hear about g/l lives and the importance of marriage to the g/l community: Willard Murray (D-Long Beach), Mike Machado (D-Stockton), Sal Canella (D-Modesto), Bruce McPherson (R-Santa Cruz), Jim Cuneen (R-San Jose), Dom Cortese (Reform-San Jose), and Marilyn Brewer (R-Newport Beach).

Assemblymembers, to the Chair of the Assembly Judiciary Committee, Bill Morrow, and to Pete Knight, California State Assembly, Box 942849, Sacto. 94249-0001; send copies to LIFE Lobby, 926 J St., #522, Sacto. 95814.▼

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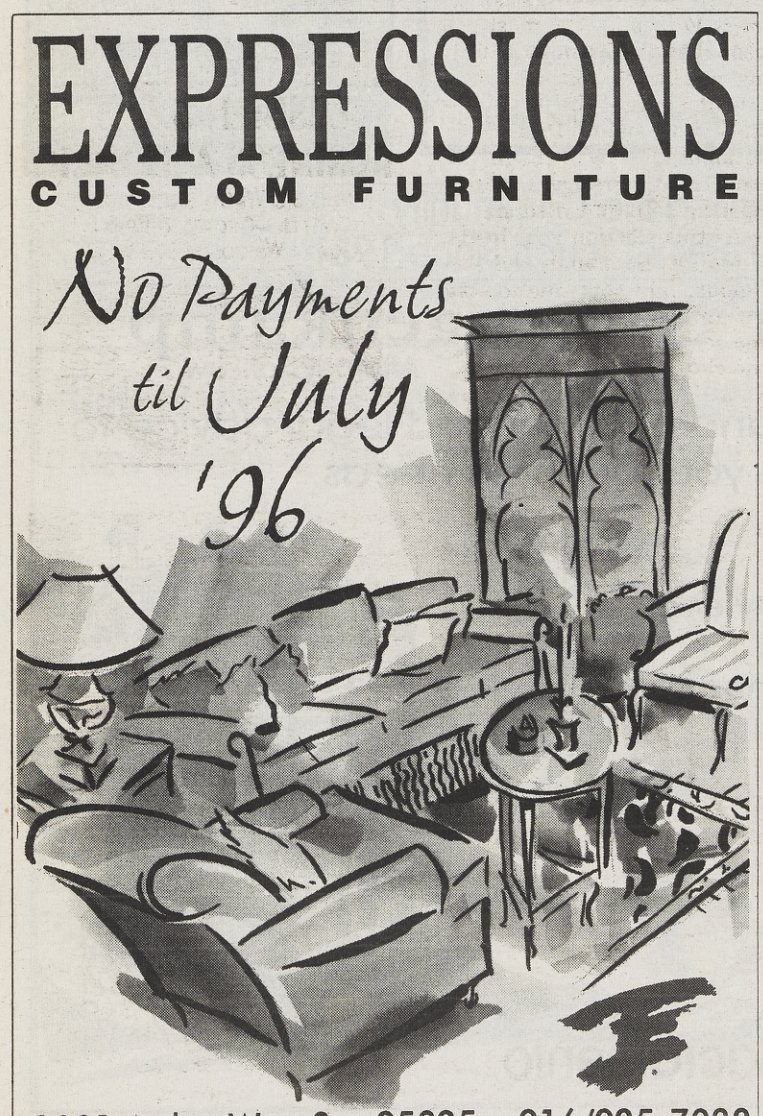

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A tip for campaign '96: Vote for the most polite candidates

MISS MANNERS
By Judith Martin

Could we please have a civil election year? No, of course not. Miss Manners is dreaming.

We are sure to have one in theory, because all politicians are now talking nonstop about the need for civil discourse, especially in the context of the need for their opponents to stop bringing up that embarrassing information about them.

But in practice, we haven't a prayer.

The campaign styles known as "aggressive" (telling opponents to their faces that they are liars and fools) and "negative" (calling opponents liars and fools behind their backs) have become standard. Foul language, personal insults and threats are not uncommon.

And Miss Manners has noticed that the popularity of these techniques may have something to do with the fact that people who campaign that way tend to get elected.

When a candidate shows the smallest sign of practicing good manners – as opposed to preaching the need for such – he or she is mercilessly ridiculed.

Treating opponents with respect, arguing with ideas and facts rather than invective, and admitting the need for compromise and cooperation are considered the tactics of those who lack the gumption to fight. Anybody who behaves with dignified restraint obviously isn't tough enough to do a job that consists of being able to behave with dignity and restraint, argue forcefully and respectfully, and practice cooperation and compromise.

If the majority of the electorate were satisfied with its bargain, it would not be Miss Manners' place to interfere. But she has also noticed that no sooner does such a crew get into office than that same electorate starts deploring the way its government behaves.

Instead of doing business in an efficient and statesmanlike fashion, elected officials spend their time calling one another liars and fools. However did we get stuck with such uncivil public servants?

Miss Manners refuses to believe that it is because The People, in their wisdom, only fall for no-good nasties. Nor does she want to waste time shadowboxing with such invisible goblins as The System or The Media.

Nor does she care to believe that we had that part backward about people growing into office – they shrink.

She sees a deeper cause. Underlying the society for several decades now, there has been a reasonable and even virtuous-sounding premise steadily targeting polite behavior.

This is the concept that the best people have such strongly idealistic feelings that they are unable to restrain themselves with the artificial conventions – the etiquette rules – of the society.

So vehemently do they believe in what is right that they can't help sounding off angrily at whoever and whatever tries to slow them down.

Conversely, people who are calm enough to be courteous couldn't care very much. By definition, if they restrain themselves, their feelings must be weak enough to be restrained.

Miss Manners is thoroughly bewildered by the idea that the nicely behaved people are heartless and the truly good people are vicious.

But others don't seem to find this odd. Drama has made us used to seeing the good guys on the attack, moving too quickly and decisively against imminent danger to pause for any niceties. In the streets and courts alike, the pursuit of justice is associated with browbeating and humiliating others, including ordinary citizens who are not even suspected of wrongdoing.

If the society gets any more idealistic, none of us will be safe.

Miss Manners would therefore like to interrupt all this righteousness long enough to point out that higher skills than the ability to be constantly on the attack are needed to run a civilized society.

Because we elect our officials for certain periods of time rather than as issues arise, we have to trust them. And so we vote on character. And since nobody knows what character is – other than that people who indulge in personal behavior that's common among the voters don't have it – we go on our impression of the strength of their feelings.

But to feel passionately, as it is often put, is not enough. Even to feel passionately about causes beyond furthering one's own career is not enough. One must put that passion under the yoke of reason.

And reason, if given half a chance, will come around to agreeing with Miss Manners.

This is because it will note that angry mobs – even angry, well-dressed mobs in marble buildings – do not govern well. In order for people of differing opinions and needs to form policy, they must be able to work together, which requires respect, give and take, and consensus.

The way to get such people is to elect the ones who exhibit these traits even under the stress of campaigning.

Reprinted from *The Sacramento Bee,* Sunday, January 21, 1996.

Urge lawmakers to reauthorize the Hate Crimes Statistics Act

The time has come for Congress to renew the Hate Crimes Statistics Act, the first-ever federal law to include sexual orientation in its scope. Enacted in 1990, the law requires the U.S. Department of Justice to collect data on hate crimes — that show evidence of prejudice based on sexual orientation, race, religion, ethnicity or disability.

Time and again, g/l/b Americans are targeted for violence simply because of who they are. In 1994 alone, the FBI documented 780 incidents of hate violence involving prejudice based on sexual orientation. To help combat hate violence, federal tracking of these incidents must continue.

The bipartisan effort to renew the Hate Crimes Statistics Act begins in the Senate. Senators Orrin Hatch (R-Utah), and Paul Simon (D-Illinois), are introducing a bill to permanently reauthorize this law. Large numbers of cosponsors are needed to move the bill forward.

It is urgent that the lawmakers are made aware of the importance of this bill to the g/l/b community. Write: U.S. Senate, Washington, DC 20510; e-mail senators through the Human Rights Campaign at http://www.hrcusa.org; and call the Capitol switchboard 202/224-312, and ask to speak with your Senator.▼

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Customer labeled "Danger! Gay Rights Activist!!" at video store ... employee fired

by Jana Saastad
MGW/Staff

When Donald Grant returns rented video tapes to the Norwood Avenue Blockbuster in Sacramento, it is his custom to request a receipt upon arrival. When he asked a Blockbuster employee for a receipt on March 7, he was inadvertently given a customer history invoice that details the movie rented, priced paid and status of the account. As he perused the invoice he noticed the word "Danger ! Gay Rights Activist !!" printed in between the rental information.

It was on the drive home from Blockbuster that Grant's partner Bobby Poplawski noticed the discriminatory statement. "We were both really angry and outraged that someone would do this," Grant said. "It brought out fear." Grant did not immediately address the problem with Blockbuster management because he wanted to first seek legal advice. His first phone call was to the Human Rights and Fair Housing Committee (HRFHC) where he was advised to report the incident to the store manager.

When Grant notified the Norwood Avenue store manager, Ken Berg, he was told that this type of behavior is "inappropriate and will be taken care of." Grant was not given an apology or explanation from Berg. Gary Johnsrud, area manager for Blockbuster, was also apprised of the discriminatory comment made by one of his employees. As well, he did not offer Grant an apology or solution. Neither managers are allowed to make official comments to the press.

When *Mom Guess What Newspaper* contacted Blockbuster's Corporate Communications Manager Wally Knief at the Fort Lauderdale office on March 13 (six days after the incident had been discovered) the incident had not been reported there. Knief said that "an investigation into the incident is underway and whoever was responsible for the extraneous comments on the customer's rental history will be terminated."

Knief also emphasized the company's diversity policy which states: "...having a strong commitment to diversity, we have implemented same sex spousal coverage with respect to our health benefits and life insurance."

In reference to customer's rights there is a section of the policy that states: "To the extent that any store level employee or employees anywhere in Blockbuster demonstrate a lack of appreciation or intolerance for the diverse customer base with which we deal on a daily basis, that would be a violation of company policy and would be dealt with in accordance with the standard procedures around such policy violations."

Grant is currently filing a complaint with the Human Rights and Fair Housing Committee and has written a letter to State Attorney General Dan Lungren about the incident.▼

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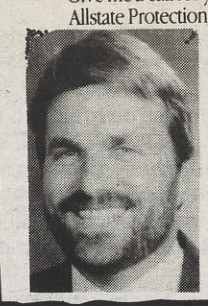
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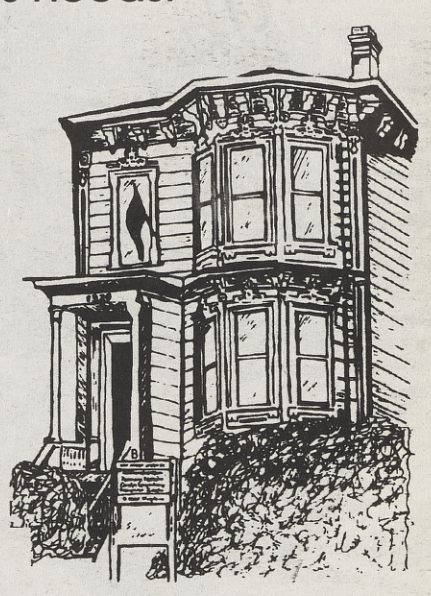

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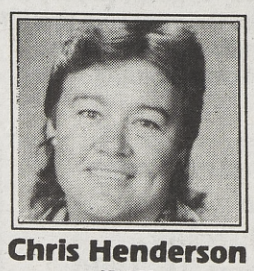
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New San Francisco Assemblywoman sworn in

Carole Migden, California's second open lesbian Assemblymember, dining last year with Assemblymember Sheila Kuehl, California's first lesbian in the State Capitol.

California's newest Assemblywoman was sworn in Thursday, March 28, on the Assembly Floor. Carole Migden took the oak of office, sworn in by California of Appeal Justice J. Anthony Kline.

Migden was accompanied by a large delegation of persons from her district, who filled the upstairs gallery and noisily applauded her swearing-in. She introduced Cris Arguedas as her "loving partner, the ballast of my life" without whom she "would not be standing here today — intact." Migden is the second openly lesbian member of the Assembly. She acknowledged Assemblywoman Sheila Kuehl, "my sister" for being the first to "break the barrier."

In her inaugural speech the former San Francisco Supervisor asserted her intention to be a strong advocate of San Francisco's values and interests. "I will fight efforts to curtail a woman's right to choose, and those which would erode environmental protection. I will advocate for better schools and expansion of AIDS funding and the State's role in caring for all people in need," Migden said.

The speech was in dramatic counterpoint to the conservative "Republican agenda" imposed since the ascendancy of the Republican majority under new Speaker Curt Pringle. With Pringle standing symbolically to the right of Migden, the new Assemblywoman squarely faced the Assembly Chamber and unhesitatingly presented an agenda in stark contrast to the direction Pringle and Governor Wilson have tried to move California.

While asserting her focus and concerns, Migden offered her willingness to cooperate with Pringle and his majority: "Despite differences we may have about policy or approaches, I hope you'll find me easy to work with. I'm interested in meeting all of you and learning about your districts, and working together for the benefit of all California."▼

Oppose AB 1982

AB 1982, authored by Assemblymember Pete Knight (R-Palmdale), is likely to be heard mid-April in the Senate Judiciary Committee. It is anticipated that the committee will defeat the bill. However, this could easily shift if the March 26 Presidential Primary brings a strong homophobic sentiment to California. It is important that all Senators — especially all members of the Senate Judiciary Committee — receive lots of support from the g/l community.

The landmark case in Hawaii, Baehr vs. Lewin, may eventually provide statewide, or even nationwide, recognition of same gender marriage. All across the United States, individual state legislative bodies are attempting to enact legislation to prohibit same gender marriage. All of this legislation is fueled by hate and misinformation. California is no exception. AB 1982 seeks to prohibit recognition of same gender marriage if those unions ever become valid in other states.

The United States Constitution guarantees recognition of marriages entered into in other states — regardless of whether or not that marriage could be entered into in this state. This is known as the "full faith and credit clause." AB 1982 would violate this clause; thus, it violates the U.S. Constitution.

The California Constitution (Article 1, Section7) states: "A citizen or class of citizens may not be granted privileges or immunities not granted on the same terms to all citizens." A marriage contract provides significant benefits to heterosexual couples who wish to share financial responsibility for each other. While opponents of same gender marriage cite morals, sexual activity, and child-bearing capabilities as "natural" reasons why lesbians and gay men would not be able to marry, marriage benefits are provided to heterosexual couples regardless of these factors in their relationships. The absence of the right to marry and of equal benefits for g/l couples is in violation of the California Constitution.

Write to your Senator, the Chair of the Senate Judiciary Committee (Charles Calderon), and Pete Knight. Send copies to all members of the Senate Judiciary Committee and LIFE Lobby. All members can be written to at: California State Senate, Box 942848, Sacto., 94248-0001.▼

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My bounty is as boundless as the sea, my love as deep; the more I give to thee the more I have, for both are infinite.

— *Shakespeare 1564-1616*

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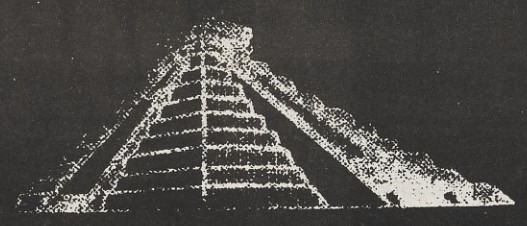

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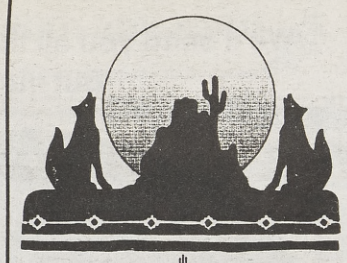

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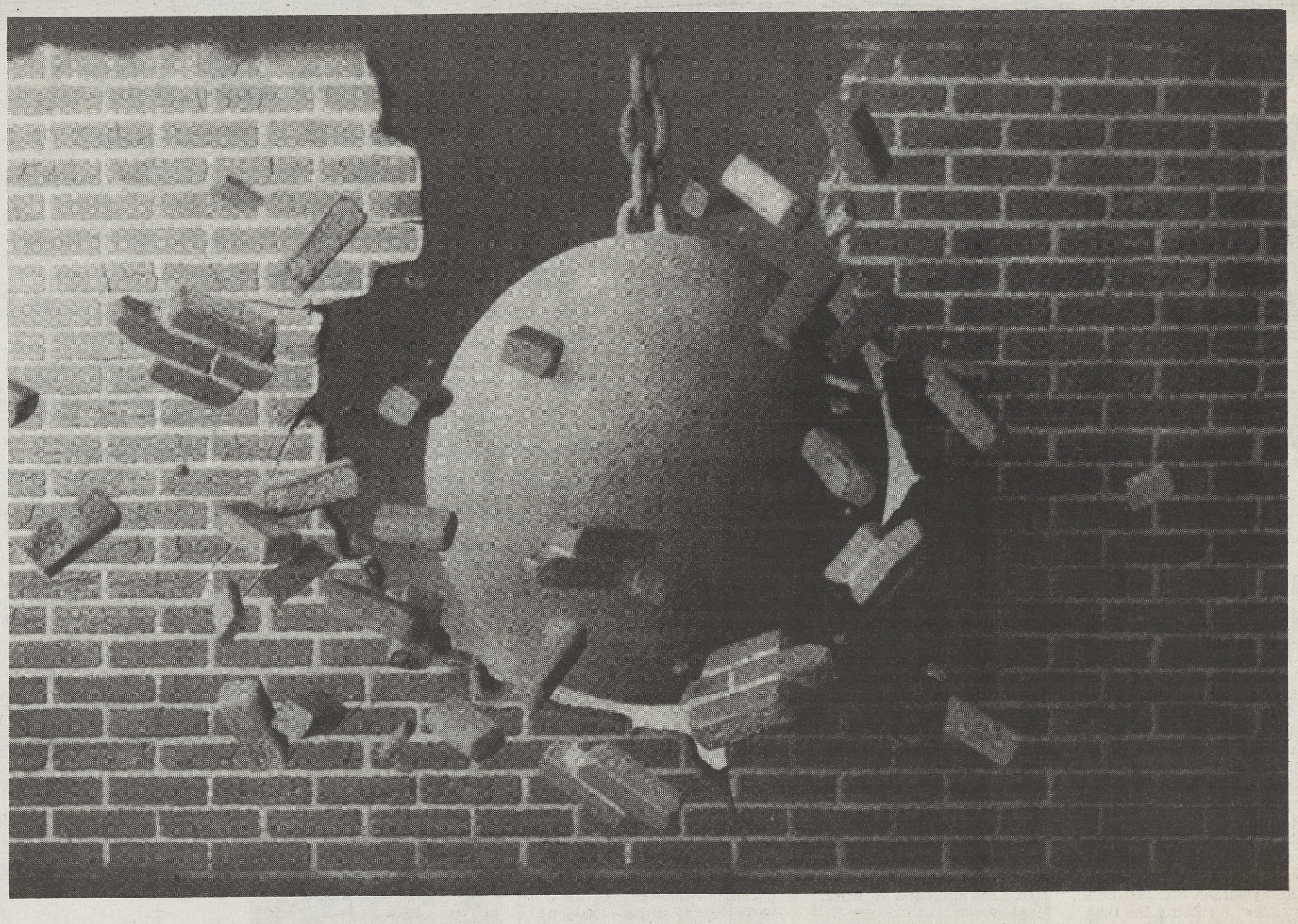

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Barbara Jordan...

Reluctant lesbian or private person?

by Kearse McGill
MGW/Staff

A few weeks ago, the gay media began to report that the late Barbara Jordan, former Congresswoman who was most remembered for her role in the Nixon impeachment hearings, was a closeted lesbian. This revelation came as something of a shock to national g/l culture and has ignited an unusual and emotional debate as to whether Barbara Jordan should be honored as someone who overcame many obstacles and rose to national prominence or be criticized for not publicly coming out before her death.

Of course, many people may not know who Barbara Jordan was, which would be something sad in and of itself. Undoubtedly, Barbara Jordan was a true American success story. Born a daughter of a minister in segregated Texas during the Depression in 1936, she earned her law degree from Boston University and was elected at the age of 30 to the Texas State Senate in 1966. She was the first African American woman to serve in the Texas Legislature.

In 1972 she won election to Congress. During her tenure, she gained national recognition, most notably during the Nixon impeachment hearings as the moral voice of the House of Representatives. "My faith in the Constitution is whole, it is complete, it is total," Jordan declared during the most difficult moments of the hearings. "I am not going to sit here and be an idle spectator to the diminution, the subversion, the destruction of the Constitution." With that declaration, in her characteristic deep and rich voice, Jordan was forever recognized as a member of a small group of people who could speak as the moral conscience of our nation.

She retired from Congress in 1978 after only six years of service, which was a remarkably short career for someone who had become so well known. Yet her influence did not diminish after retirement from public service. In fact, it continued to grow over the years. She became a professor at the University of Texas' Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs and was an influential advisor to Democratic leaders, including President Clinton. Her last public appearance was a speech before the 1992 Democratic National Convention where she reminded the nation that only by recognizing and celebrating our diversity, can our nation find the answers to its complex problems. She died of viral pneumonia in Austin on January 17, 1996.

Since her death and the public acknowledgment by Barbara Jordan's family and friends that she was a lesbian, the gay and lesbian public and commentators have been divided over her reluctance to come out. Those who were bothered by Jordan's silence thought that she could have come out and told the world she was a lesbian and suffered little repercussion due to her national stature. On the other side, were her friends and associates who say that Jordan was frank about her sexual orientation in private, but did not think it should be offered up for public consumption. They say that she preferred taking the lead confronting political, but not sexual, issues.

She felt that her private life should remain private and she seemed consistent on that point, since she tried to keep secret her development of multiple sclerosis and leukemia from the public as well. One of her friends stated, "for years, she would refuse to tell people what she had. She was not defined by her physical conditions, her sexual orientation, or the color of her skin. If you were to define her by any of those areas, Barbara Jordan would roar."

Nonetheless one cannot help but feel that perhaps Barbara Jordan missed an opportunity. She could have shown the nation again that it was not one's personal characteristics that mattered, but instead what a person did with his or her life and how that life was conducted was what mattered. Though it may have been quite difficult for her to publicly say she was a lesbian, she could have provided another excellent role model for people who want to see gays and lesbians excel in public service.

However, it would be grossly unfair to judge Barbara Jordan too harshly. Through this small flaw one can also poignantly see that it made her more human, more real. We all are afraid of something, not because it shames us, but because we cannot control its effect. If this was the worst aspect of her life, her inability to be public about her lesbianism, then she was truly a remarkable woman.

Rest in peace, Barbara Jordan.▼

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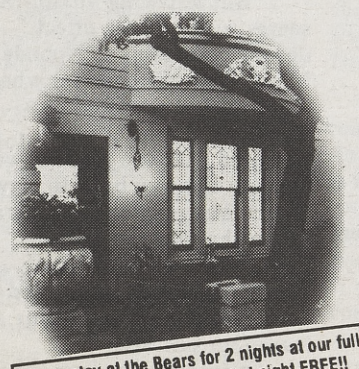

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MEDIA WATCH

by Al Kielwasser
GLAAD/SFBA

Bad news groups

In a massive capitulation of censorship, the world's leading online service — CompuServe, Inc. — has suspended access to over 200 Internet "newsgroups," specialized forums that allow Internet users to read or post information on subjects from baseball (rec.sport.baseball) to bondage (alt.sex.bondage.) The new ban was orchestrated during the last week of 1995.

Though it affects all CompuServe users around the globe, the ban was initiated at the request of just one country, Germany. According to a company spokesperson, "German government officials, as part of an investigation of illegal material on the Internet, ordered CompuServe to do what was necessary with respect to specified newsgroups in order to comply with German law."

The company deleted a number of lesbian, gay and bisexual groups including groups that had no erotic focus. CompuServe banned newsgroups dedicated to resources for young queers, lesbian/gay journalism, and information about coming out. Contact: Robert Massey, Pres. CompuServe, Inc., 5000 Arlington Ctr. Blvd., Columbus, OH 43220, tel.614/457-0802,e-mail 70006,101@compuserve.com. CompuServe members can also complain directly to customer service, via "GO FEEDBACK."

Newsletter News

Out In Academia is a "newsletter of multicultural & lesbian studies." 300 Eshleman Hall, University of California, Berkeley, CA 94720.

D.A.T.A. (Disability Access to Arts) is the newsletter of the Corporation on Disabilities and Telecommunication/Northern California. The CDT was founded in 1981 "to encourage better media portrayals of disabled people and to provide support for people with disabilities interested in or interested in working in media." Contact: CDT/NC, Box 1107, Berkeley, CA 94701, e-mail Grooverlee@aol.com.

Global disaster

In a December *Boston Globe*, columnist Jeff Jacoby states that calling someone a "homophobe" or "racist" is no less a slur than "fag" or "nigger." He claims,"No slur is more popular in the hate lexicon of the Left than 'racist.' Except possibly 'Nazi.' When characterizing conservatives and Republicans, liberals reach for both."

According to Jacoby, a "never-ending campaign to demonize conservatives and conservative ideas rolled on" throughout 1995. But, he says, this "bile from the Left" did not attract the same attention or condemnation that is heaped upon racist or homophobic epithets.

"When some prominent Republican utters a nasty epithet, the condemnation is swift, certain, and severe," Jacoby writes. "House Majority Leader Dick Armey was buried beneath an avalanche of censure when he blurtingly referred to the gay congressman from the Boston suburbs as 'Barney Fag.'"

"But left-wing vitriol rarely seems to have that effect," Jacoby complains. "Nobody hissed with disapproval when Jesse Jackson, miffed at a Supreme Court decision, declared that the justices were 'paving the way back to slavery.' There was no storm of outrage when the president of the American Bar Association, George Bushnell, described Congressional Republicans as 'reptilian bastards.'"

Outrageously, homophobes--masquerading as victims rather than victimizers--are now attempting to deny responsibility for the consequences of their own hate.

Critical feedback to: Jeff Jacoby, columnist (e-mail jacoby@globe.com) and Matthew Storing, Editor, *Boston Globe*, Box 2378, Boston, MA 02107-2378, tel. 617/929-3020, fax 617/929-2098, e-mail letter@globe.com.

Homo video

Print ads for the home video release of *Jeffrey* prominently feature a same-sex (and actually passionate!) kissing scene. Orion Home Video, the film's distributor, has also established a promotional website for *Jeffrey* (http://www.datalounge.com/jeffrey).

Media activism

The Institute for Alternative Journalism's "Media & Democracy Congress" (Feb. 29-March 3, San Francisco) will feature a "Democracy Works Training Institute." This day-long series of workshops and seminars is intended to assist media activists and media-makers "fight the Right." Contact: IAJ, 77 Federal Street, San Francisco, CA 94107, tel. 415/284-1419, fax 415/284-1414, e-mail congress@alternet.org, URL http://www.alternet.org/an/Congress.html.

Good net news

1) Each issue of "The Net" includes a new directory of online resources —"The Blue Pages"— intended to help readers "get in touch with your community." Lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender resources are scattered throughout. Contact: Minda Sandler, Editor-in-Chief, "The Net," Image Publishing, Inc.,1350 Old Bayshore Highway, Suite 210, Burlingame, CA 94010, tel. 415/696-1688, fax 415/696-1678, e-mail minda@thenet-usa.com; to recommend web sites for inclusion in "the Blue Pages," forward URLs to blue@thenet-usa.com.

2) "NetGuide" provides a monthly review of online resources -- the substantial "Cyberguide" list-- which specifically includes a "Pink Triangle" section. "Dykes Delight!" "Gay Youth R Out," and "The Gay Man's Guide to Safer Sex" are among eight "Pink Triangle" resources highlighted in a recent issue. Contact: Richard Santalesa, Executive Editor, "Net Guide," 600 Community Dr., Manhasset, New York, NY 11030, tel. 516/562-5000, fax 516/562-7406, e-mail netmail@netguide.cmp.com,URL http://www.netguide.com; to recommend web sites for inclusion in the "CyberGuide," forward the URL and a one-sentence recommendation to netmail@netguide.cmp.com with the words "People's Choice" in the subject line.

3) The annotated web listings included in "Virtual City" ("Your Guide to Cyber Culture") also feature a "Gays & Lesbians" section. The Winter 1996 issue reviews nine such sites, including "Infoqueer," "Youth Action Online,""Black Homie Page," and a "Gay and Lesbian Star Trek" page. "Virtual City" is published quarterly as a joint venture of Newsweek, Inc. Contact: Lewis D'Vorkin, Editor-in-Chief, "Virtual City," 444 Madison Avenue, New York, NY 10022, tel. 212/593-1537, e-mail virtcity@aol.com, URL http://www.virtcitnow.com.

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Voices of reason

Lynn Minton's "Fresh Voices" has scored another successive hit against homophobia. The column, in which Minton moderates youth discussions of current affairs, is published weekly in the nationally circulated tabloid, *Parade Magazine*.

Titled "Who is Your Own Kind?" Minton's December 24 column features teen perspectives on the use of slurs in school. Their discussion spanned issues of "political correctness," free speech, racism, anti-Semitism and homophobia.

One young man, John Bechtold, (age 18) argued that when students use slurs like "nigger" and "fag," they are not attacking any particular group in a bigoted way. "It's just used as another insult," he said. "It's not referring to a person or group of persons." Minton challenged Bechtold to think again. "Suppose I'm a black person and someone in the hall yells,'nigger.' He isn't really prejudiced — he's just using the term as an insult. You think I won't find that offensive?"

Jennifer Kalweit (age 16) pointed out a problem in her school that is common in many others. "Basically," Kalweit said," there's no diversity here."

Support should be directed to: Lynn Minton, Box 5103, Grand Central Station, NY, NY 10163-5103 (Minton especially seeks feedback from teens.) Copy your compliments to Carlo Vittorini, Chair and Publisher, *Parade* Publications, 711 Third Ave., NY, NY 10017.

Conference Call

"Keep Your Head to the Sky: Queers Of Color Coming Together" is an upcoming conference called "to develop strategies and combine our strength as Communities of Color to combat hate, discrimination, and oppression." The event unfolds April 19, 1996 at Ohio State University, Columbus. Contact: Diversity of Ohio, 263 Crestview Road, Columbus, OH 43202, tel 614/486-5664, e-mail sharifax@aol.com or abernathy.6@POSTBOX.ACS.OHIO-STATE.EDU.

Advice without virtue

In a December "Ask Dr. Ruth" (*Chicago Tribune*), the popular sex expert responds to a 17 year old gay transvestite who wrote,"I have a big dilemma. I live at home with my mother and stepfather and neither one of them agrees with my lifestyle... I have not flaunted my lifestyle in their faces. I do not have my boyfriend call my house and I don't use my mother's clothes. I dress at my friend's house and my boyfriend pages me. I go to the mall to buy my own clothes, makeup and jewelry." The young man concluded,"My parents want me to move out, but I don't have a place to stay. Do you have any advice?"

Westheimer answered,"Since you are only 17, you do have a dilemma. Without a job, it is really not possible for you to move out. You need to finish your schooling ..." She added,"Since you have been discreet, I hope you can convince your mother and stepfather to allow you to stay... " Westheimer concluded,"If that fails, there may be a group home nearby where you can find a place to stay."

Unfortunately, Westheimer never considers the possibility that this boy's parents could, like many others, exchange their ignorance for understanding. Instead, she writes as if homophobia were immutable. Share your advice with : Ruth Westheimer, "Ask Dr. Ruth," c/o *The Chicago Tribune*, 435 N. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60611, tel. 312/222-3232, fax 312/222-2568.

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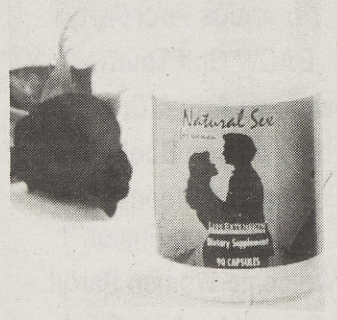

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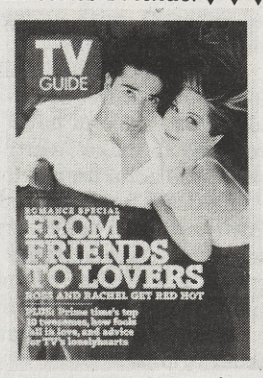
Attack of the Nancy Boys

by Jerry Semas
MGW/Staff

The British Academy Awards will be given out on April 21st. Nominees of importance include gay actor **Nigel Hawthorne** and gay director **Nicholas Hytner** for *The Madness of George III* as well as **Jonathan Pryce** for *Carrington*. Britain's Channel Four Films is producing *Indian Summer* with **Antony Sher** and **Jason Fleming** in the story of an HIV-positive dancer who falls in love. **Tim Burton's** next film is *James and the Giant Peach* which combines live action with stop motion. Noted gay British actor **Simon Callow** *(Four Weddings and a Funeral)* and **David Thewlis** *(Total Eclipse)* provide voices for some of the characters.▼▼▼

Rupert Graves *(Maurice)* joins **Julie Walters** in *Intimate Relations* for Boxer Films. The story is described as a bizarre comedy about a suburban family in Britain during the 1950s.▼▼▼

Gay actor and former *My So-Called Life* co-star **Wilson Cruz** will be featured in upcoming film *Joyride* with **James Karen**, **Jack Nance** and **Adam West**. *Now there's a name which surprisingly hasn't shown up on infomercials yet.* Another alumnus of *My So-Called Life*, writer **Jason Katims** shares screenplay credit with Matt Reeves on the new film *The Pallbearer* starring **David Schwimmer** of NBC's hit series *Friends*.▼▼▼



On the subject of *Friends*, the March 22 issue of *Entertainment Weekly* featured a brief article on all the signs and reasons why the character of **Chandler** is probably a latent homosexual. The piece explains that he hasn't had a steady girlfriend, his co-workers think he's gay, his late neighbor thought he was gay, he struck out with Julia Roberts and he's attractive and dresses well. Contrary to those points, *Friends'* gay co-creator and Executive Producer **David Crane** insists there is no intention of having Chandler come out as a gay character. *So, does that mean he'll stay closeted?*

A March episode of ABC's *Lois and Clark* featured a ground-breaking bit of dialogue. In one segment, **Lois Lane** was in a mental hospital recovering from amnesia. She expressed confusion to her doctor as to why **Clark Kent** kept visiting her (unaware that they were engaged to be married). Lois stated "Why doesn't he get a girlfriend or a boyfriend?" *Yeah, Lois, we wish!*▼▼▼.

Over at Duce Films in Santa Monica is a film project called *Isle of Lesbos* written, produced & directed by a man, Jeff B. Harmon. *Better change that name to Jeff B. Ready, for some harsh criticism from a lot of* ***womyn***.

k.d. lang is heading into Tom Jones country. Much like the tight panted Welsh singer, k.d. is being pelted on stage with women's underwear at many of her concerts. *What are women throwing who don't wear underwear?*▼▼▼

As part of it's *Celluloid Closet* theme, San Francisco's Castro Theatre continues gay themed movies through April 11th. Upcoming movies include the prison themed *Fortune and Men's Eyes* 3/28, **Tony Scott's** visually stunning *The Hunger* 3/30, **John Schlesinger's** *Sunday Bloody Sunday*, 4/3, the Lesbian locker-room love of *Personal Best* 4/4 and the Hollywood horror version of Gay life, *Cruising* on 4/6.▼▼▼

Aaron Spelling's new series about modern-day vampires, called *The Kindred*, makes its debut on April 3. The series is set in San Francisco and will air on the Fox network.

John Waters turns 50-years old this month. *If you're thinking of baking him a cake, I'd suggest devil's food, brown icing with a flamingo candle on top.* ▼▼▼

Birdcage director **Mike Nichols** will be in front of the audience for a change when he appears in the British production of **Wallace Shawn's** play *The Designated Mourner*.▼▼▼

S.F.'s Theatre Rhinoceros is performing **Keith Curran's** quirky play *Walking The Dead* through April 13. *It could be described as unique perspective on gender dysphoria, but I can only recommend it to those looking for a theatrical challenge.*

United Artists has just completed negotiations with **George Huang** *(Swimming with Sharks)* to direct the comedy *Trojan War*, about a man who is on a date, about to get lucky, and goes on a frantic search for a condom. Columbia Pictures spent $500,000 in October for the rights to a similarly themed film called *Booty Calls*.▼▼▼

Leslie Dixon, screenwriter for *Mrs. Doubtfire*, has penned a new project called *That Old Feeling*. The film stars **Bette Midler** as a woman who attends her daughter's wedding only to rekindle a relationship with the husband she divorced years ago. Dixon wrote another Midler hit, *Outrageous Fortune*.

Always a source of new and innovative filmmaking, the *San Francisco International Film Festival* opens this month, 415/567-4614. A little farther down the coast, residents of the Monterey Bay Area can catch the *5th Annual Women of Color Film & Video Festival* in Santa Cruz, 408/426-5632.▼▼▼

Even further down the coast is the *L.A. Gay Rodeo 96*, April 12 - 14 and moving inland is the one of the premiere events of the Gay/Lesbian social season, the *Palm Springs White Party*, April 5-8, 310/659-3555. If you're heading to the East coast soon, the Fourth Annual Atlanta Gay & Lesbian Arts Festival is scheduled for April 11 - 14 in Decatur, Georgia.

You'll remember her as the love-struck lesbian who fell hard for Marsha in *The Brady Bunch* movie, now actress **Alanna Ubach** plays a cyber-chick seductress in the April release *Denise Calls Up*. The project is described as a comedy about growing up in the communications age.

The **Spring 96 TLA Video Catalog** is out and don't you wish you were? This is a great way to order videos of the g/l films which never made it to a theatre near you. Some of the more current titles in their collection are *Unzipped*, *Priest*, *Jeffrey*, *Wigstock*, and *The Incredibly True Adventures of Two Girls In Love*. There are numerous classics and foreign films including *Okoge*, *Strawberry & Chocolate*, *Taxi Zum Klo* and *Salo: 120 Days of Sodom*. To get your copy of the catalog call 800/333-8521.▼

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1996 Lambda Freedom Fair Committee calls for entertainers, exhibitors and volunteers

The Lambda Freedom Fair, the valley's largest gay pride event, is on June 8. Fair organizers are working on the selection of entertainment and will soon be accepting applications for booth rentals. The committee is seeking volunteers to help plan the day long event, to be held at Capitol Park.

"We're looking for musicians, comedians, jugglers and roaming entertainers," said Bill Whiting, 1996 Lambda Freedom Fair Committee Co-chair. "Interested entertainers are encouraged to send in information including bio, photos and demo tape if applicable."

Fair organizers are seeking volunteers for all areas involving the event. Volunteers are needed for planning, fundraising events, flyer distribution, making telephone calls as well as the working on the day of the event. "We have over a dozen standing subcommittees looking for help," said Whiting. "Anyone with special trade skills or talent, is strongly encouraged to join our committee."

The Committee is asking the community at large, for in-kind contributions in the coming months. Those interested in helping should contact the Lambda Center for more information.▼

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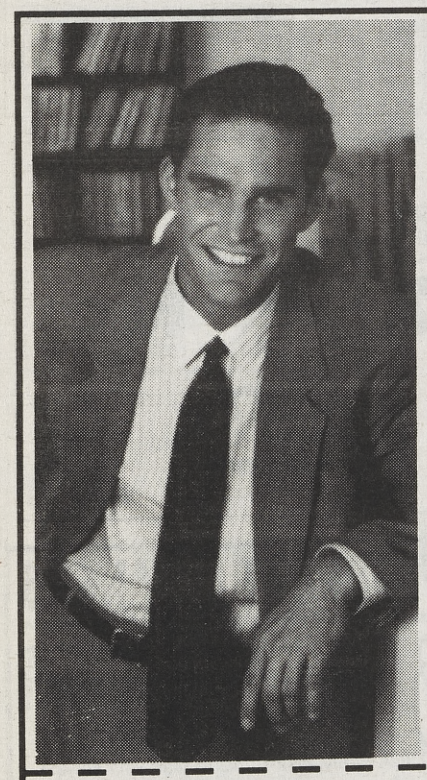
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NEWS CLIPS

by D.K. Akai
MGW/Staff

Cops can't target arbitrarily

The California Supreme Court ruled that police cannot target people for prosecution on grounds of homosexuality or other arbitrary factors not related to legitimate law-enforcement objectives.

The new case arose in Mountain View, where police decoys cruised for presumed gay men, made overtures toward them, then arrested them for soliciting lewd conduct in public.

The charges later were dismissed, but attorneys on both sides pursued the appeal to clarify the legal standard for proving that a prosecution is discriminatory.

—The Sacramento Bee

18 states debate same-sex marriage

Bills to either ban legal recognition of same-sex marriage or to limit recognition to heterosexual couples have now been introduced in at least 18 states, and Wisconsin is expected to get a bill soon. In addition, a bill in the Nebraska legislature seeks to provide legal recognition to same-sex marriages. And in Oregon, an initiative that seeks to ban recognition of same-sex marriage is expected to reach the ballot in Oregon in November.

Last year, only three states considered bills to ban legal recognition of same-sex marriages. Of those, only Utah's passed.

Thus far, bills in three states are considered dead: Maine (where it was withdrawn), Alaska, and Virginia.

— The Washington Blade

Churches ousted over gay issue

Four San Francisco Bay area American Baptist churches, Lakeshore Avenue Baptist Church of Oakland, First Baptist Church of Berkeley, San Leandro Community Church of San Leandro, and New Community of Faith Church in San Jose, have been ousted for failing to uphold church doctrine that homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching.

—Christian Century

Serial killer targets gay men in Virginia

Jesse James Spencer became the latest victim of a serial killer that has targeted and killed transient gay men in Norfolk, Virginia since 1987.

James' nude body was found January 27 in a roadside drainage ditch. He was the eleventh victim of a serial killer that police say has targeted gay transients. All of the victims frequented gay male cruising areas or gay bars in the Norfolk area. Most are believed to have engaged in sex for money with other men.

— The Washington Blade

Assemblywoman spreads safe sex message

California Assemblywoman Dede Alpert, D-Coronado helps to spread the safe sex message to all of her constituents. Alpert has a basket of condoms - in a rainbow of colors - in her Capitol office that says "Love Safely."

— The Sacramento Bee

New publisher appointed

Publishing industry veteran Tom Radko has been appointed publisher of Alyson Publications, America's oldest gay and lesbian book publisher.

Radko has 22 years of experience in the publishing industry. He has served as Director of the University of Nevada Press, Acquisitions Editor for the University of Oklahoma Press, Marketing Director for Humanities Press, editing and marketing for Rutgers University Press, and publicity for the University of Chicago Press.▼

Hate Crime Statistics Act expires

The Hate Crime Statistics Act of 1990, which required the FBI to collect data on hate crimes — including anti-gay hate crimes — expired on December 31, with no legislation pending to renew it.

Gay activists had hailed the 1990 law as a first-of-its-kind federal statute and have promised to make reauthorization of the act a high priority.

The law had required the FBI to ask local police departments and state agencies to provide it with data on hate crimes based on race, ethnicity or national origin, religion, and sexual orientation.

— The Washington Blade

Infant barred at Mapplethorpe exhibition

Willy Pearce, a nine-day-old infant was denied entrance to a New Zealand exhibit featuring the work of the late gay photographer Robert Mapplethorpe.

Vikki Read, the child's mother, "was astounded" that the Wellington City Art Gallery would restrict an infant's entrance to the exhibit when he can not even see her face yet.

The gallery barred all children from the exhibit after the censor's office said that the gallery and parents could be fined for allowing children to view the show, which included sexually explicit photos.

— The Washington Blade

Entertainers wanted

San Diego G/L Pride is calling for entertainers and emcees to perform on the 22nd annual Festival Stage July 27 & 28.

Crystal Waters, Bronski Beat, disco divas Kym Sims, Thea Austin, Lonnie Gordon, ABBA tribute band Bjorn Baby Bjorn, rock 'n roll trio Betty, comediennes Lea Delaria, Amy Boyd, Karen Williams, Jason Stuart, Mark Davis, San Diego's own Candye Kane, Sue Palmer, Rob Shinn, Kenny Ard and the Fabulous Flirtations will be performing.

Info: 619/297-7683.▼

ACT UP NY archives donated

ACT UP/NY archives from 1987 to 1995 have been given to the New York Public Library. The archives cover major civil disobedience staged by ACT UP during the 1980s and include news articles, placards from different actions and posters, stickers, and buttons.▼

Philadelphia case settled

The hit movie *Philadelphia* was inspired by a New York lawyer who was fired after he developed AIDS, the film's producers admitted recently in a settlement that abruptly ended a suit by the lawyer's family.

TriStar Pictures had previously insisted the events in the 1993 movie were fictitious and unrelated to the story of Francis Bowers who was fired in 1986 by the world's largest law firm, Baker & Mckenzie.

— Sacramento Bee

A gift to gay readers

Wealthy philanthropist James C. Hormel donated $500,000 toward the creation of the James C. Hormel Gay and Lesbian Center at San Francisco's new Main Library at the Civic Center. The center is the first permanent public research center of it's kind.

— San Francisco Chronicle

ACT UP questions turn forum into brawl

A March 16th conference on anti-AIDS therapies by San Francisco' Community Consortium exploded into violence after members of ACT UP San Francisco fired questions at organizers and speakers about their financial ties to the pharmaceutical industry. Angry protestors grilled doctors Donald Abrams and Paul Volberding about their eagerness to promote treatments despite scant scientific data on the compounds' clinical benefits and amidst preliminary test results that downplay the toxic effects associated with long-term use.

Consortium supporters physically assaulted ACT UP activist Michael DeHart when he refused to leave the room or stop his barrage of questions. Violence erupted as protestors rushed to his defense when he was shoved to the ground and dragged into the hallway by conference organizers and volunteers.▼

Right to privacy in the U.S.

The National G/L Task Force recently issued a revised edition of its map and fact sheet of sodomy laws across the country. Generally, sodomy laws criminalize anal or oral sex between consenting adults, even in the privacy of their homes.

The NGLTF released the revised map after recent court decisions in Tennessee and Montana found the sodomy laws in those states to be unconstitutional.

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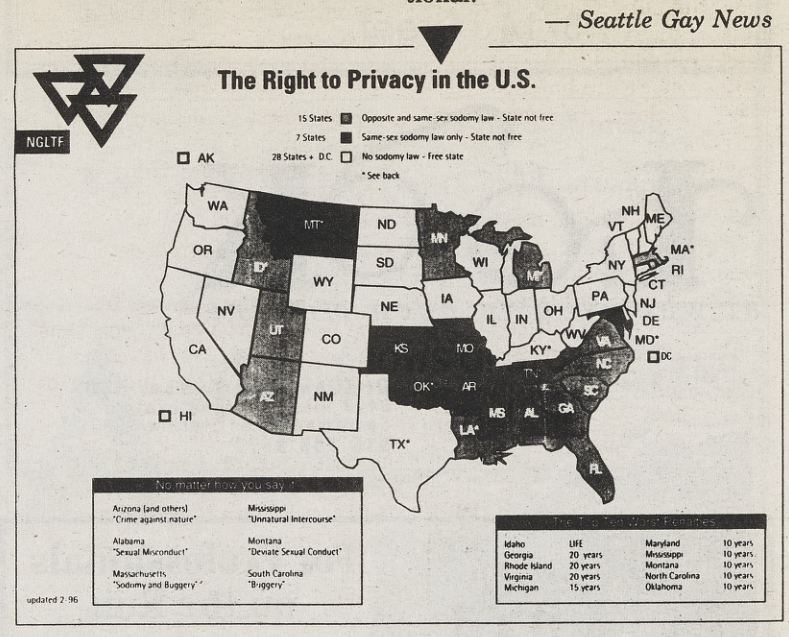

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Victim of hate crime? You have rights too!

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by Stacy H. Turk
Guest writer

If you are a victim of a crime, or know someone who is, you should know that California has a network of programs and resources to help victims, their families and significant others in coping with the problems related to the crime and to ensure that the rights afforded by law to the victims of crime are preserved.

For instance, victims of crime have the right to:

1) Obtain a copy of the police report and be present for most of the phases of the criminal proceedings;

2) File a claim for compensation under California's Victims of Crime Act for eligible out-of-pocket expenses;

3) Receive notification when formal charges are filed by the District or City Attorney's Office;

4) Participate in the sentencing phase of a criminal case;

5) Receive direct restitution from the criminal that is ordered by the court;

6) Participate in parole consideration hearings for prisoners sentenced to life in prison;

7) Participate in placing conditions on parole, such as where the parolee will live or work;

8) Receive notification if the criminal escapes, or is released from prison;

9) Sue the criminal for damages in a civil suit, or sue other parties that share the blame for your harm.

Victims often suffer inconvenience, disappointment, frustration and, sometimes, humiliation, at the hands of the system. To be more responsive to the needs of crime victims, and to mitigate the harmful feelings that arise from the whole experience, all counties in California are funded to have a Victim Witness Assistance Program, generally placed within the county's Office of the District Attorney, or in its Probation Department, to provide services free- of-charge to victims so they may solve many of the problems facing them in the wake of the crime incident, including assistance in:

1) obtaining referrals to community programs,

2) including counseling for post traumatic stress syndrome,

3) securing emergency help for food, shelter, clothing,

4) recovering stolen property,

5) preparing temporary restraining orders,

6) dealing with employers, medical care providers and creditors,

7) filing compensation claims for certain out-of-pocket expenses.

Victims may qualify for compensation awards to pay for out-of-pocket expenses related to the crime that are not covered by insurance, civil damage awards or other compensation programs. As a victim of crime, you may be eligible if: you are injured as a result of a crime, or you depend on the victim for financial support, or you accept the financial responsibility for paying the medical or burial expenses.

The out-of-pocket expenses may include medical care, psychological counseling, lost wages, funeral or burial expenses or job rehabilitation. Most property losses are disqualified as other private insurance will compensate for the loss.

To be compensated for eligible personal costs, you must file an application with copies of your receipts before one year of the crime incident. In some cases, a late claim may be accepted for up to three years if there is a good reason. Victim Witness Program staff may assist you in filing these claims, or you may file the claim directly with the Board of Control, the State agency that oversees the program.

If your expenses are ongoing, and not fully recouped by filing a claim, you will have an opportunity to prepare a Victim Impact Statement at the time of sentencing, providing the judge with the details about your financial loss and the other consequences the crime incident has imposed on you and your loved ones. After hearing your oral and/or written impact statement in court, the judge will order the defendant to pay direct restitution to you. If the defendant believes your expenses are too high, the defendant or his attorney may request a restitution hearing for a ruling to lower the total amount.

If you are not fully compensated, you have the right to sue the criminal for your expenses and for damages in a civil lawsuit. You may also sue other parties that share the blame for the consequences you suffer as a result of the crime. To find out about the criminal justice process and civil remedies available, you may contact the Victims of Crime Resource Center, a project of the McGeorge School of Law, for free-of-charge legal information regarding local resources, time periods for filing a lawsuit, and other questions concerning the criminal or civil case.

While the offender is incarcerated, you have the right to provide input into any parole consideration hearing conducted before the Board of Prison Terms for prisoners serving life sentences, or influence the placement of conditions on parole prior to release of the prisoner by the California Department of Corrections. Also, you have the right to request notification of the death, release or escape of the prisoner. While the offender is incarcerated, you must be the one who takes the initiative in making sure that the California Department of Corrections has your correct address for proper notification.▼

Victim of a crime...?

The following agencies are available to help you navigate through the criminal justice system so that your rights as the victim of a crime are preserved and that justice is served by your involvement.

Victim Witness Assistance Program
Under "County Government Offices", in the county where the crime occurred. Look under the listing of the county's "District Attorney" or "Probation" offices in your phone book.

Victim of Crime Compensation Program
State Board Of Control
Box 3036, Sacramento 95812-3036
1-800-777-9229

Victims of Crime Resource Center
McGeorge School of Law
University of the Pacific
1-800-VICTIMS

Parole Consideration Hearings
Board of Prison Terms
428 J Street, 6th Floor, Sacramento 95814
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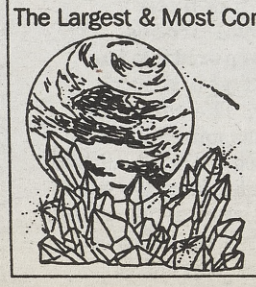
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Q&A with Rosemary Dempsey...

March to Fight the Right: April 14

by Arlyne Jones
MGW/Staff

Rosemary Dempsey, NOW'S Action vice president, has been making a whirlwind tour of 35 campuses up and down the west coast. The urgency of the trip is directly related to the retro turn of US politics since the Republican takeover in 1994. She says that unless immediate action is taken by people, we stand to lose many of the gains we have. She feels this is particularly true in California, which currently has one of the strongest civil rights laws in jeopardy.

Her commitment to g/l rights, as well as the rights of all people stems from her personal experience. In 1979, she was part of a precedent setting lesbian custody battle, which lasted two years, and resulted in her and her partner retaining custody of their mutual children, 5 in all.

She passed the bar in the early 80's and has been a community activist ever since.

She spoke at length on her aims for the current March to Fight the Right, which will be held in San Francisco on Sunday, April 14th.

What do you hope to accomplish in California?

Dempsey: "This march is about bringing people together....the organizing is based on the fact that we're all in this together, that we have got to come together as a progressive movement, as a mass movement, if we're going to stem this tide of aggression."

Where else have you fought anti lesbian and gay proposals and won?

Dempsey: " In the fall of 95, I worked in Maine to fight against Prop 1, an antigay measure, and we won by 7%. We were supposed to win by one percent."

Why do you feel targeting campuses is especially important?

Dempsey: "In Maine, we had a 78-82% voter turnout. I feel that the campuses are being under utilized as a resource, especially the community college campuses. They are largely untapped for civil rights activism.

What are your impressions of California so far?

Dempsey: I love California. It's beautiful, it's vital, and we've had a tremendous experience so far. I think the march is going to be very, very big, very diverse, because it's about the issues that affect us all.

You say that these are not g/l issues only, so you are aiming for something all inclusive?

Dempsey: Yes, the people who are suffering from the Republican right wing turnaround are the working poor, those on welfare, women of color, women in general. It's about people coming together to fight the right wing agenda and succeeding because we have the numbers, the people, and the right wing has the money. If the people don't do it, nobody is going to do it for us. No one is going to write a 400 million dollar check to bankroll a campaign to fight back CCRI.

What is CCRI?

Dempsey: CCRI is the **California Civil Rights Initiative**, which is a ballot initiative, this November, and basically would prohibit any kind of affirmative action in the state that had, as a part of its basis, race or gender. It would also take the California law against sex discrimination, a very strong law, one of the strongest in the nation, and make it about the weakest state law in the country. What it would do is say that if a business could show discriminating on the basis of sex was good for business, then they could discriminate on the basis of sex. It's appalling. The whole ballot question is appalling. Lies are being perpetuated on the people of California. I've been on panels where quotas were discussed, and there are no quotas, where the opposition has talked about 'dummying down,' that affirmative action has dummied down places of employment."

If there has been a dumbing down process, it would be corporately inspired, don't you think?

Dempsey: The corporate community has joined in an unholy alliance with the alleged "Christian right, because what all these politics of division are about is really a smokescreen for a very, very regressive corporate agenda."

Your role is to educate and inform then?

Dempsey: People don't realize that what's happening in the Congress of the United States now are proposals that would go so far as to rescind the minimum wage. Dick Armey, the majority leader in the house of representatives, wants to rescind the minimum wage. He also thinks that Congress, prior to the 1994 takeover, had become too "femme" centered. He didn't mean there were too many women there, he meant that the men were too "soft" on issues that affected women. Things that are being implemented now are "tough" on those issues, such as wiping out a 60 year promise that no one would starve in America. This includes AFDC, food stamps, the school lunch program. Things that were implemented during the great depression of the 30's, when the federal government made a promise to its people that no one would starve anymore. The government asserted it had an obligation to see that poor families were provided for. That's gone. The congress has rescinded it. The safety net has been removed, and it's going to be up to the states to deal with it, with less money than they have now.

Then what?

Dempsey: Very quickly then, we'll see the kinds of subsistence economy-it has been a subsistence economy for a very long time for the poor- There are problems with the welfare bureaucracy. But when you hear congress saying "We're going to end welfare as we know it," instead of "We're going to end poverty as we know it." That's a dividing and disempowering strategy.

And so, a grass roots movement to counteract it?

Dempsey: What this march is all about is that it doesn't matter if you are g/l/b/t.It doesn't matter if you're a woman, it doesn't matter if you're black or Latina, or Chicana, American or disabled, they're out to get us all. And the way to do that is to take a very insecure economic situation for people, and exploit it. If we don't unite, if we are all at cross-purposes, corporate America and its agenda, skates.

Aside from having all the money, what other advantages does corporate America have to use against us?

Dempsey: Because of where we are technologically, the workplace today can make do with a work force that's tiny, compared to what has been needed in the past to make a gross national product. Corporations can make as good a profit as before with fewer and fewer people. It's a whole lot easier for the political and corporate leadership if they can convince the American people that the problem is with political leadership rather than with lack of equitable funding of education, and creation of new jobs. If they can convince the American people that the problem is that women are taking jobs away from men, that affirmative action has somehow made things unfair, that welfare moms are destroying the culture, and that its clearly their fault they are where they are and that their kids are in trouble. They also assert that it is middle class women's problems, because they have gone out and left their children when they should be in the home, because they are middle-class and white. They assert that it is gays and lesbians who are attacking the moral fabric and that they are trying to get special rights when everyone knows that gay men have more money and a better education than you do. It is a time honored strategy to divide the people, put up barriers that they believe and keep them separate from one another, and angry at one another. Then we'll never get together and address the problems that need to be addressed. The situation with the shrinking jobs won't be addressed.

And the march says what?

Dempsey: The march says we are not stupid, and we know what is going on. We get it. We will come together. The great civil rights movement of the 60's accomplished only so much, and because of what it accomplished, we have experienced a backlash. If it had not been a success, there would be no need for a backlash. It's been going on for 25 years and it culminated in 1994.

So this year is decisive?

Dempsey: People must come out this year to decisively turn that around. As I address the country, I see people coming together, and forming alliances that weren't there before.

How bad can it get and how long can we wait?

Dempsey: We can't wait at all. What I am worried about is that if people do not turn it around in 1996, we, meaning women, meaning lesbians, meaning poor people, are going to be the road kill of the 1996 elections. It worries me very much that there are parallels, and I don't think it is alarmist to say, that what is happening with the so-called mainstream Republicans and the business community is that they are working with zealots, folks who really believe that God is behind what they are doing, and this has nothing to do with traditional Christian beliefs. Christian values have nothing to do with cutting out welfare, or entitlements to the poor or rolling back environmental regulations, or health and safety regulations. Or in doing away with civil rights enforcement, because that is what affirmative action is. That is enforcement of the 1964 civil rights act. People who are zealots believe God ordains what they do, and it is very dangerous.

Any analogies to be drawn from History?

Dempsey: It's a very similar situation to Germany in the 30's, where a government of social democrats believed that they could maintain a coalition government and stay in power and make gains for the corporate community by working with the Nazis and using them as foot soldiers. They didn't realize that they couldn't control these people. I don't think Dole or Gingrich and the corporate monies behind them realized the danger of extremists. You can't control these people, and now they have a majority in the House of Representatives and state legislatures around the country. You can't turn around and say "That's not what we want you to do." Folks like us- that's 90% of the American people- have to get out and march right now. We have to unelect the people that we elected in 1994, and go forward with the progress we have fought for this entire century.

90% of the American people have good intentions, but are they all aware of the manipulations they are subject to?

Dempsey: I go to campuses and I see very active, interested and informed people, who make the connections of the issues,& they make the connections between the oppressions. I think a lot of people are going to come out and vote in November, not so much to vote for people as to vote against regressive ballot measures.

Predictions for the turnout in San Francisco?

Dempsey: I think we'll have a very large response.

You believe in the power of the average person?

Dempsey: Absolutely. It wasn't the Kennedys or Johnson that brought about civil rights in the first place. It was the voice of the people, and their combined efforts. And in our workshops, we teach people how to mobilize, how to organize, how to make an impact by joining together for a common cause. Come to a workshop. We can make a difference.▼

Lambdc

by Jana Saastad
MGW/Staff

The recent move of Lambda Center Executive Director Steve Schwicho only g/l community center bigger a improved. While the center continues and information for the community, th for more events and meetings to take p able to offer space to groups without them bumping into one another and essentially being cheek to jowl," Schwichow said.

Since the gregarious, energetic Schwichow accepted the director position last September, it has been non-stop, full speed ahead. Schwichow works a minimum of 60 hours per week at the center. In addition, he serves on the Board of Directors for the Sacramento Natural Food Co-op. He serves these positions with pure enthusiasm and conviction. He has been a staunch vegetarian for ten years, giving him cause to become involved in the Natural Food Co-op. His background includes a long tenure at Xerox as administrator to the district manager and a one year stint as manager of the Planned Parenthood Clinic in Carmichael. Schwichow also earned a Masters in Slavic Linguistics and Human Communication from Penn State. Philadelphia is his home town.

Mom Guess What had the opportunity to interview Schwichow recently and as well take a tour of the new Lambda Center. The following is an excerpt from our interview with Schwichow.

Being from Philadelphia, is there any particular food that you miss?

I'm a vegetarian now, but when I was in Philadelphia I was not and I grew up with the signature food of Philadelphia which is scrapple and Tasty Cakes.

What are Tasty Cakes?

Tasty Cakes are an East Coast version of Twinkies. Except they are much nicer.

What is scrapple? Is it worse than hot dogs?

Oh it's got every body part of the pig you can imagine. It's just kind of all there. You slice it up and you fry it. It's like Spam.

About the Center, what direction do you see it heading?

We are really trying to become a full service center and truly be a community center. And that's very apparent if you see the board we have.

And who are those people?

Right now we have 17 members on the board. I feel it truly reflects the diversity of our community in terms of gender, ethnicity and age. It's a real compliment to our former President Larry Hoover.

Larry was really determined to have the face of the Lambda Center represent the face of our community.

bda's new director leads center in positive direction

of Lambda Center combined with the hiring of ctor Steve Schwichow has made Sacramento's nity center bigger and better, new and e center continues to offer important services the community, the new, larger location allows meetings to take place concurrently. "We are o groups ing into one ally being vichow said. rious, w accepted n last een non- ad. minimum of t the center. es on the or the l Food Co- e positions sm and been a for ten use to the Natural ckground re at Xerox the district year stint as nned Parent- hichael. ned a inguistics unication hiladelphia is

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Our board is completely voluntary.

Can you make any comparisons of the Center before now, before you were Executive Director?

The first and most obvious change is look at where we are. Since I've stepped into the shoes of the E.D., it's been a real whirlwind beginning with our move. The old Victorian had charm, a lot of people felt very attached to it, but it just wasn't meeting our needs. So we've almost tripled the size of the Lambda Center.

It seemed like when the Center was preparing to move it faced opposition from the J Street neighborhood.

When they heard that another so-called "social services agency" wanted to come into the neighborhood they were very, very concerned about it. In just a few weeks after taking the job I went to a meeting downtown of the Neighborhood Association and felt that I was essentially pilloried the moment I walked in the door. I can say now having built up a relationship with some of the people that were opposed to begin with that it was more lack of knowledge with who the Lambda Center was than anything else. And we have studiously tried to be good neighbors.

Has the far right and their movements presented any problems locally?

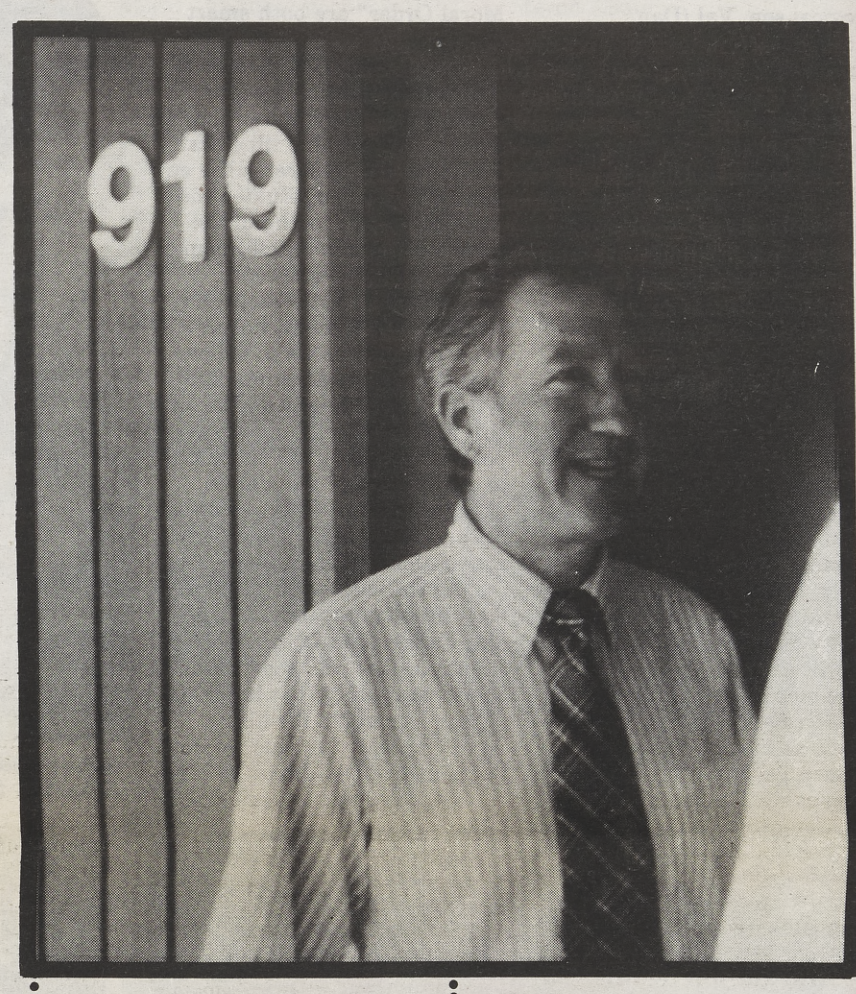
Without inviting any problems from the far right locally, I would say the largest controversies we've had was related to the ad that *The Bee* published. The NEA had come out with a statement that employees of schools needed some type of sensitization to gay/lesbian issues, particularly how it relates to g/l kids in schools. And the Conservative Women of America (CWA) essentially ran with this with the usual hysteria that now we're going to teach homosexuality in the schools and they had quotations in there about the usual child molestation and all the red flags.

Nationally we know this rhetoric is spewed all the time. Has this been a problem locally?

That sort of rhetoric is being spewed everywhere. Same-gender marriages has certainly brought out the worst in the far right. And it's something we're dealing with locally this being the capital of California. And g/l communities around the country are gearing up to deal with this entire issue.

How are you doing that?

We're going to be contacting and working with local religious communities, getting various churches to sign on in support of these issues. We're going to be working with local legislators getting support. It's vitally important that we, as the community, understand the issues ourselves to be able to deal intelligently with the rhetoric that's going to be thrown at us around the issue.



How are you handling the issue of same-gender marriages?

As I said before, we are gearing up to get really involved in it in terms of starting to drum up support for it. The arguments that continue to come up from the religious right — all of course religious arguments without taking into consideration that marriage is both a civil and religious institution and that allowing same-gender couples to marry or have a legally-recognized relationship is strictly in the court ruled state. It's the state that issues the license and it's not the church. Which simply means that churches are free to marry whomever they want. And just because a church marries someone doesn't necessarily mean that the couple is married in the eyes of the law unless a license is taken out, which opposite gender couples are able to do. Same-gender couples cannot, and yet there are religious institutions that will perform same-gender marriage ceremonies such as the Unitarian Universalists who have been doing that for decades, the Metropolitan Community Church. It's my understanding there are some Episcopalian Churches that will perform these types of unions. So the separation of church and state certainly applies to the issue of marriage as well.

What are some of your goals as executive director?

One of the first things I did when I came on board was visit other centers such as the Billie De Franc Center in San Jose. One of my board members and I visited with the Los Angeles g/l service center, the Orange County gay community center and also the Long Beach community center. The purpose for that was to see rather than try to reinvent the wheel to really get a feel for how they do what they do because some of these centers I've mentioned are some of the most successful one's you'll find. The L.A. Center has 210 full time employees and a $16 million per year budget.

Who will Lambda Center officially support for in the coming elections?

The Lambda Center cannot officially support anyone. We are a 501C3 — non profit . We can not be involved in politics.

Are you in touch with Art Torres and the local Democratic party?

I am familiar with Art. My concentration thus far has been at the Lambda Center and trying to get everything settled down there, get good solid basis. We're working with grants, helping the Lambda AIDS project with its transition to a new facility. So I've really been concentrating in the area of the center itself. And as that settles down I'm going to be able to step out a little bit more.▼

The bored cage

reviewed by Stefan Grünwedel
MGW/Staff

***The Birdcage*. Directed by Mike Nichols. Starring Robin Williams, Nathan Lane, Gene Hackman, and Dianne Wiest.**

There can only be two reasons for remaking a film: either you want to update or improve on the original, or you're out of fresh ideas. In the case of Mike Nichols' remake of the French comedy *La Cage Aux Folles*, called *The Birdcage*, the reason seems to be a lot of updating but not much improvement. No fresh ideas emerge, either.

The plot is pure farce. Armand (Williams) and Albert (Lane) have raised Armand's biological son, Val (Dan Futterman), for twenty years. Going against the norm of his family, Val decides to marry a *girl*, Barbara (Calista Flockhart), whose parents are the very antithesis of Val's parents: heterosexual and arch-conservative. As the plot would have it, Barbara's parents want to meet Val's so they can plan a glorious, white wedding together that celebrates the best in family values.

The problem arises when it's clear to Armand and Val that Albert can't pass as Val's mother, nor even his uncle: drag is good for the stage, not for female impersonations, and Albert's mannerisms are none too manly. Val's biological mother, Katherine (Christine Baranski), can do better. If only Albert would go away, there wouldn't be any problem.

As an updated version of *La Cage Aux Folles*, this film does a good job at finding relevant, American parallels for the French story. Transplanting the drag revue club from St. Tropez to Miami Beach and making the conservative father a senator who heads the "Coalition for Moral Order" are both smart changes.

As an improved version of the French classic, however, there is definitely more room for debate. At the same time that *The Birdcage* celebrates the gay family, it also perpetuates the justification for hiding in the closet to appease mainstream values. Albert's apparent incapability to act straight has its place in a comedy, but to what lengths are we to believe that his sincere attempts fail? When he does finally appear in a suit and tie (see the movie's poster), he's only as "ridiculous" as many slightly effeminate, straight men are. The dismissal of this look is simply a win for conventional masculinity.

As the son, Val is particularly problematic. In *La Cage Aux Folles*, the son Jacob (Benny Luke) was good-natured about requesting that his home appear "straight" for his fiancée's family; in this version, Val is insistent—almost as if he hates the parents who raised him.

As Albert, Nathan Lane is appropriately fem, but he's so whiny that his plight is difficult to feel sorry for. Robin Williams is also miscast as Armand. In avoiding upstaging Lane's comedic outbursts, he becomes bland. Had he played Albert, this film would have been a real hoot!

Even if Mike Nichols didn't wish to mess with the plot, he should have kept the pace more lively. For a comedy, *The Birdcage* drags in too many places. At times, its forays into issues of commitment and acceptance verge on the maudlin. This is supposed to be a film about what to do when the future in-laws arrive, not whether Albert has played the fool for too many years in his relationship with Armand.

Robin Williams as Armand Goldmon and Nathan Lane as Albert in *Birdcage*.

La Cage Aux Folles is by no means perfect, but its comedic pace is better, the characterizations by Michel Serrault (as Albin/Armand) and Ugo Tognazzi (as Renato/Albert) are more likable and believable, and its scale is more manageable than in *The Birdcage*. On a recent repeat viewing of the French version, I laughed much more than during the American version. Rent the original now and *then* watch *The Birdcage* when it's on video in six months.▼

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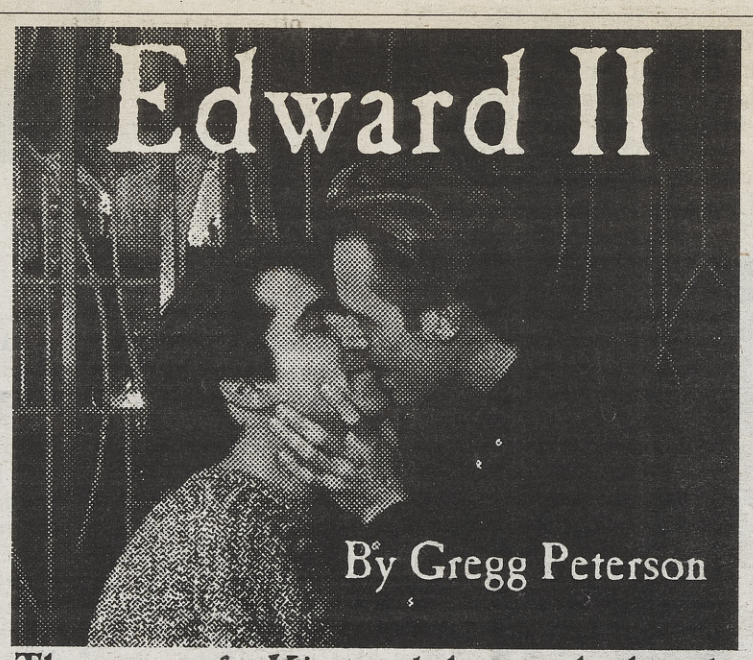

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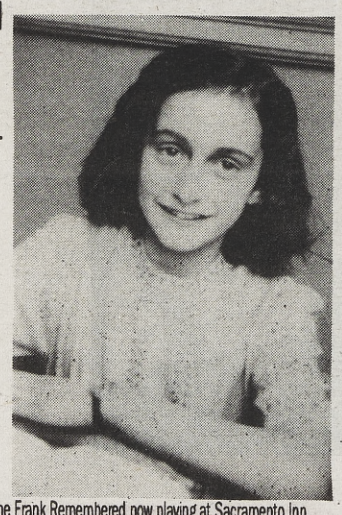
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Lambda Players premiere *Edward II* adaptation

The Lambda Players are proud to premiere *Edward II*, an original work by local playwright Gregg Peterson. *Edward II* relives the love affair of English King Edward II and his "favorite," Gaveston, the son of a butcher. The play is freely adapted from Christopher Marlowe's 1591 play, which was one of the first presentations of a homosexual character portrayed in a major role, and the 20th century reworking of it by Bertold Brecht.

Peterson's adaptation is primarily a love story, but also explores the battle of a king and the man he loves against the nation and church that hated them. "My adaptation of *Edward II* remains a tragedy (history wrote it that way)," Peterson says. "It draws on historical fact, but plays loosely with character and time. It is not a historical drama. I was interested instead in finding my own meaning in the story, finding the thread that connects that period with today and exploring the emotional and philosophical questions that arise."

Edward II marks the return of director Cathy Reeves to the Lambda Players. "Peterson's play focuses directly on the love story of Edward and his "favorite" Gaveston," Reeves says, "while exploring the objections to their relationship — personal, political and moral - by those people surrounding them."

"Marlowe's play never clearly stated the relationship of Edward and Gaveston," Reeves says, "and their homosexual relationship was viewed only as the vice of an inept king. This production looks at the issue head on, from a forthright and contemporary perspective." Reeves previously directed the Elly Award winning productions of *Eastern Standard* and *The Lisbon Traviata* for the Lambda Players.

Edward II will feature Mark LiCalsi as Edward; Ken Figeroid, who won an Elly Award for his work in *Eastern Standard*, as Gaveston; and Blair Leatherwood, who also won an Elly Award for his work in *The Lisbon Traviata*, as Mortimer. Completing cast are popular Sacramento actors Evon Biondi, Judith Emick, Bob Delucci, Joe Hart and newcomer Steven Abate.

The play contains sexual situations and is recommended for mature audiences.

Edward II will play at the Sierra 2 Studio Theatre, 2791 24th St., 8pm April 5-May 5. Tickets are $10 in advance and can be purchased at the Community Center Box Office, 1301 L Street, 264-5181 and at the door for $12.

Info: 442-7752.▼

In the Life talks politics '96

For its Saturday, April 6 episode (KVIE/Channel 6, midnight) *In the Life* looks at politics and the press to see how issues of concern to gays and lesbians are being addressed during this charged primary season. Political humorist Kate Clinton interviews the gay "first family" of Washington, D.C. — U.S. Congressman Barney Frank and his lover of nine years, Herb Moses.

In other stories a look at the information gap on health issues for lesbians and several stops at the theater, with solo performance artists Susan Miller, Michael Kearns and San Francisco's Marga Gomez. Info: 212/255-6012.▼

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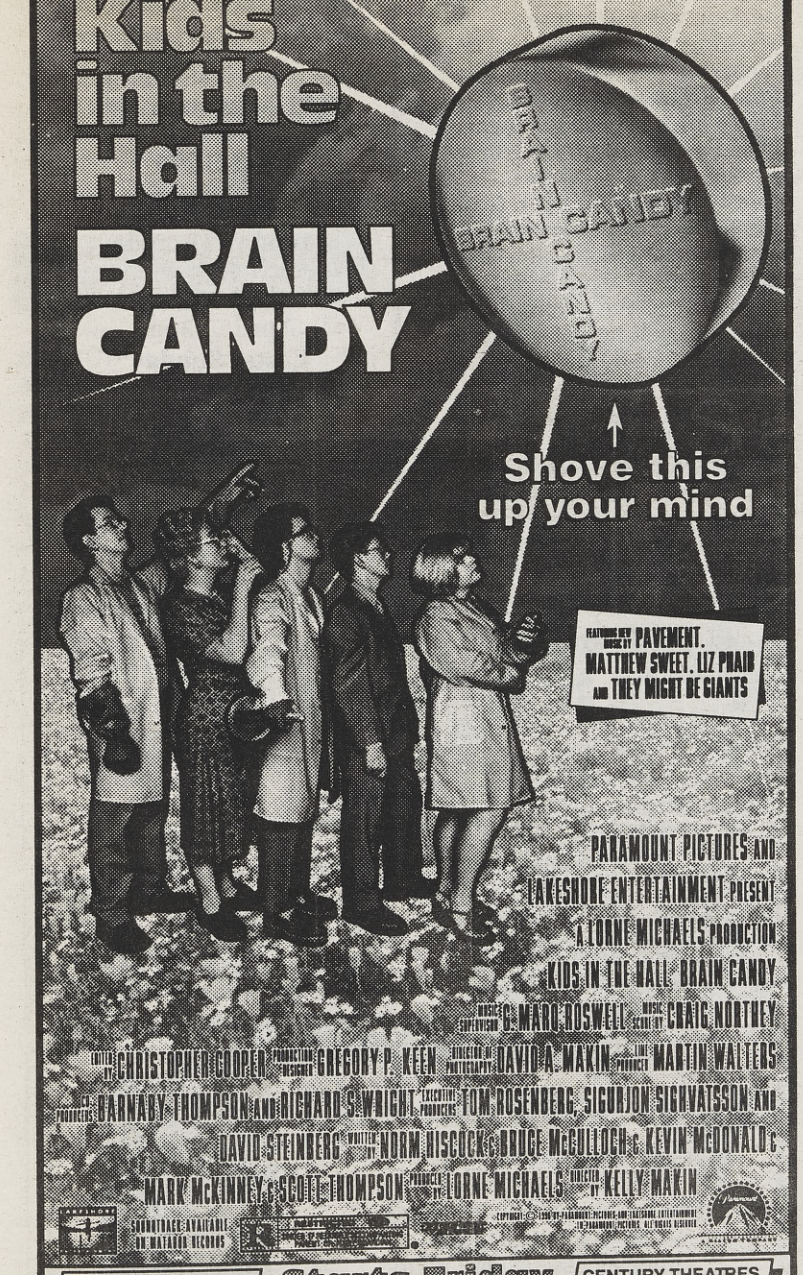

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Generations of God, The X Generation speaks out

by Alfred A. Parro'tt
Religion/Spirituality Editor

As with each individual there are just as many views of God and what God is all about. During the last few weeks this reporter interviewed several members of the X Generation to see just what their views were of God, Religion, Good, Evil and so on. You may be surprised, or even shocked at some of the responses but all in all they show a unique perspective that has been crafted and molded by parents, educators and peers. The environment Gen-Xer's have grown up in has also played a major part in the formation of the views they have developed.

When asked to describe God the answers varied from a personage to that of not being physical yet tangible with certain powers. There was more certainty in the belief that the man known as Jesus is not God nor was he a descendant of God. Many believed that Jesus was a great teacher, a prophetic person who tried to bring to the impoverished and captive Jewish nation a spiritual answer. "He had a plan dude, and like it was beyond what they (the Jews) were capable of understanding, but he wasn't no god."

There was consensus of views when questioned about the origins of God though and they rang true with an agnostic tone. The main tune was that even though God was seen as a power and entity God was not the only creator of our world as we know it today. The belief that an all powerful intelligence that created the world was tempered by the belief that this power did not control destiny or influence the outcome of events. This destiny was directly left to chance and the decisions and actions of the human factor. When quizzed about the secret of life the answers were so different from one to another that this reporter had to take a second look. One individual simply stated "The secret to life is a comfortable pair of shoes..." while another went into a long dissertation about celestial factors being controlled by the influences of guardian angels and so on. While some responded with a variety of beliefs and values one stood out more so than others. "You know, I have a personal code of spiritualism and beliefs and I think people should respect each other..."

The belief in a creation, garden of Eden, Heaven and Hell were mostly atypical and basic to most religions today except for two that stood out as exceptional. "Heaven and Hell were created to control us, you know, and they (the church) used it (heaven) like a treat for a dog, you know." Where on the other side the belief was that heaven is where we will go when we die, and hell is where we are right now. If the reader were to be able to see these young faces as they proffered their views they would have to agree that the sincerity and strength of conviction was astounding. Religion was seen as tool for the powerful and as a crutch for the weak and infirm, and even as a performance that "all must take part in until the last curtain falls." Asked to describe good and evil in the form of a contemporary personality that they were aware of one self described 'Dude' said that evil was best personified as the late Jerry Garcia. "The guy was so far out there and managed to lead so many people into nothing..." When asked about his selection of someone to represent good the 'Dude' simply said "Have to sleep on that one." Others answered with such names as Quadaffi, Jeffery Dalmer, Rev. Cole and Idi Amin, while those on the positive side that were mentioned were such people as Sister Teresa, Whoopi Goldberg, Father Brunsman and ... "my partner, Pat."

Death was a matter that while not directly questioned about most offered comments on. One young man said when questioned about death: "Don't know, never been there," while two girls argued the point of continuing progression to a black nothingness that captures the soul.

This reporter gained a new and valuable insight inot the Gen-Xer's and what they believe in. Though it may not be what most think, feel or see they are strong in their beliefs and as the up and coming generation that will fuel the future we must be aware and courteous to them. Tolerance and diversity is something to celebrate and the Gen-Xer's seem best suited to do just that. The people interviewed were both straight and g/l and they saw nothing wrong with being religious and being free to be who you are without shame or hurt. It was refreshing breath of light and this reporter looks forward to the maturing of Generation X.▼▼▼

The Unity '96 project committee is scheduling a three night two day conference for anyone interested. Currently the agenda will include speakers and classes involving both straight and g/l community issues. The location and date are to be announced but currently the committee is looking at either Lake Tahoe or Monterey for sites and scheduling the conference for sometime in late May.

If you or someone you know might be interested, call the Unity '96 committee at 731-5922 ext. 110, between 8am-5pm and leave your name and number. The committee is looking for help in classes, speakers, entertainment, location and dates so all are welcome to participate.

Look for sign up sheets at the Lambda Center and several other locations throughout the community.▼▼▼

The Fellowship of Jesus Christ is scheduling their annual world conference this coming June. The conference will be held in San Francisco and will include the selection of a new presidency as well as many other important events. Speakers will include the current acting President of the Fellowship Brother Grant Minix of San Francisco. Brother Grant who has been a member of the Presidency of the fellowship for several years has recently been called upon to act as the sole spiritual leader of the fellowship, due to the illness of one of the presidents and the resignation of the other. A new presidency will be selected at the conference by the members. The membership is comprised of both straight and g/l members and has congregations throughout the U.S. and in Europe as well and is considered a restoration faith. Info: Brother Larry Seagress at 415/626-7399.▼

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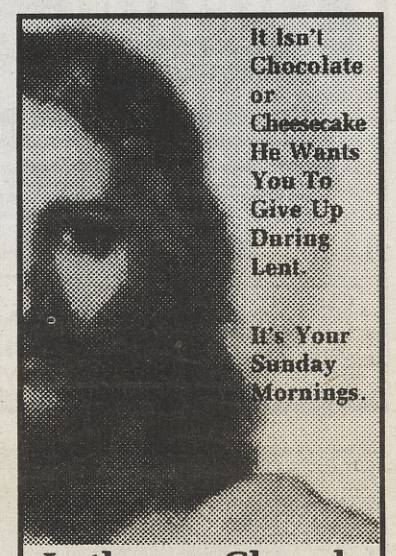

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Good news for dog lovers ... dog park at Mather

by Joan B. Guertin
MGW/Staff

Dateline, Sacramento... In a surprise move last night at a rare joint meeting between the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors and the Sacramento City Council, some long-awaited and welcome decisions in favor of dog owners and lovers became reality. The items voted on and passed included a Dog Park at Mather Regional Park, new building for the SPCA, and Sacramento County Department of Animal Control and Regulation and broader public access laws for pet dogs.

The new Off-leash Dog Park at Mather Regional Park will encompass the plans submitted last year by a local advocacy group for off-leash exercise parks. The Board of Supervisors voted unanimously to grant a 30 acre parcel which will include a man-made pond for those desiring to exercise their dogs in water. Also planned is a mini-obstacle course to afford varied exercise. A new position of Dog Park Creative Director will be added by the Parks Board in order to staff the area with a knowledgeable dog person to direct play for those wishing more creative outlets for their pets. Other amenities planned for the Dog Park Area are picnic tables for the people, fire-hydrants for the pups, drinking fountains for both, dispensers for poop-pick-up. Also planned are tether balls extended from tree branches for tug and chase games, large balls for rolling and chasing.

The construction of a facility, spacious enough to accommodate all healthy, adoptable, lost and abandoned animals in Sacramento County is planned for a site along the Highway 50 corridor just West of Bradshaw. In a benevolent move, the Capitol Christian Center donated a twenty acre parcel of land to the County for a facility, to be used jointly by Sacramento County Department of Animal Care and Regulation and the Sacramento Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) .

This is a first: a facility planned to be shared by a County and a Private Agency. The facility will rival that of the San Francisco SPCA which is touted as one of the few non-kill shelters in the United States. Sacramento will move out of the dark ages in the care and management of lost and abandoned animals and into the 20th Century with a plant that can house and maintain animals while they heal from injuries and illnesses and are made fit for adoption.

Local dog trainers and behaviorists pledged volunteer time to work with these pets to make them more adoptable and to also train staffs of volunteer workers. Both state and local veterinary organizations pledged financial support as have individual veterinarians. In addition a major benefactor who refused to be named, has pledged the funds for construction of the site and operating capitol of one million dollars a year for five years until other sources of revenue can be developed.

According to SSPCA Chief, Mike Winters, and County Animal Control Director, Pat Wilcox, this is a dream-come-true and possible only through the charity of others. In order to help with fund raising the pair is planning to meet with dog and cat fanciers in the area to develop a regional Dog and Cat Show site for use at reasonable fees that will allow guaranteed space for their events.

Since shows of this type draw from all over the United States, the anticipated annual revenue to the local Hotel/Motel/ Restaurant industry will be greatly enhanced. All in all, this is a win/win situation for Sacramento County and is a significant show of community solidarity and compassion for our animal population.

In a third move, the Sacramento City Council proposed that dog access laws be extended to conform with the same privileges enjoyed by European dog owners. Dogs will now be allowed in restaurants, on light rail, on busses and in all parks as long as they are under control which will include voice control. The owners must make sure that dogs are not a public nuisance and that they are regularly picked up after. With proof of a Canine Good Citizen tag, dogs will be allowed anywhere that their owners can now go.

Following unanimous votes on all of the above issues, the Mayor and the head the County Board of Supervisors gazed around the standing room only audience and with kindly, benevolent looks, intoned those fateful words.....April Fool!!!▼

Not the mama?!?!

This issue's pet child belongs to Linda and Lydia Cairo, their dog loves to bathe their cat, Kitty Baby. Cairo believes that she's Kitty Baby's mom.

DogGone it, ruin your day!

Exploring ruins with your pet is a fun way to spend a day. The January/February issue of *DogGone,* the bi-monthly newsletter about fun places to go and cool stuff to do with your dog, offers some suggestions for pet-friendly exploring.

The publisher of *DogGone* encourages dog owners to practice "petiquette" when visiting archaeological sites. "Don't allow your pooch to climb on crumbling walls," and "Convince your male dog to lift his leg away from delicate old buildings."

Fun places to go include Palm Springs, Newport, Rhode Island, and even doggie retreats in Vermont.

Subscriptions: 6 issues for $24, *DogGone,* Box 651155, Vero Beach, FL 32965-1155, 407/569-8434 or e-mail: ballarddg@aol.com.▼

Recycled books raise money for homeless pets

Get a head start on Earth Week by donating your used books or shopping for recycled books to benefit abandoned and abused animals. The Sacramento Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SSPCA) will hold its Annual BookSale April 13-21 at a new location — Downtown Plaza. The SSPCA Annual BookSale is the largest fundraiser, traditionally raising more than $46,000.

The sale will be on the second level of Downtown Plaza, near the rotunda, from 10am-9pm. Validated parking will be available.

Books of every kind can be found at the BookSale including mystery, romance, history, fiction, children's, even fine and autographed collector books. A drawing will be held for a vacation for two along with other prizes. Info: 383-PETS.

April is "Dog Appreciation Month"

Dr. Diane Melendrez, owner of American Family Chiropractic, invites fellow dog-owners to participate in "Dog Appreciation Month." During April, Dr. Melendrez encourages pet-lovers to treat their pets to a chiropractic adjustment or massage therapy at her practice, located at 2220 J Street, Suite #3 in the See's Candy Courtyard in Midtown Sacramento.

Dr. Melendrez remarks, "Chiropractic for canines is known to help alleviate pain caused by arthritis, back problems and old-age. Massage therapy is also helpful: the increased blood-flow and relaxation is a welcomed benefit appreciated by both young and older dogs." American Family Chiropractic's patients include a poodle, dashchund, doberman and terrier. Local veterinarian Tara Gee of the Animal Medical Centers says the treatments do help. "Some California veterinarians recognize Chiropractic medicine/care as a viable alternative when traditional medicine or surgery may not produce the desired outcome," Dr. Gee comments.▼

TELL US ABOUT YOUR PETS!!

Okay, this is your chance to tell MGW about your pet! Do you have an unusual pet? Does your pet do something unique or special? Does your dog go sailing? Skiing? To work? Do you travel and have unusual or exciting adventures? Share with us and we'll share with our readers. Write Pet Talk, MGW, 1725 L St., Sac. 95814.▼

The Kennel Room is moving!!!!

On May 1st, the new location will be 3104 Fulton Avenue with the same number: 925-4149. From Marconi turn left on Fulton, go up three streets, turn right on Echo Way, right into the second driveway and go to the other side of the parking lot. The new shop is on the southwest corner of the building.

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HIV NEWSLINE

On the HIV front....

by Sonya Cox
AIDS/HIV Editor

FDA allows blood-scalding testing...

Sixty people will be added to the expanded trial of a controversial experimental treatment in which the blood of people with AIDS is drained from their body, scalded to 114 degrees, and returned. The idea is that heat will kill some of the HIV virus, and give the immune system a chance to rebuild itself. The therapy was tried in 1990, but resulted in scandle when it was discovered that the person tested, and supposedly cured, had never been positive in the first place. Three years later, FDA gave the company, IDT Inc., permission to test the idea on 6 people, and then expanded this trial to 20 more. Since 1993, none of the group whose temperatures reached 108 degrees has suffered any AIDS-related infections. FDA says the treatment has not been proven to help people, but will authorize testing because it doesn't appear to cause brain damage.▼

Internet HIV info...

Info on treating HIV infection and on clinical trials is now available thru two new World Wide Web sites. Treatment info site is http:// www.hivatis.org. Clinical trials info site is hrrp://www.actis.org. ATIS and ACTIS are Public Health Service projects.▼

FDA puts off wasting decision...

The FDA advisory panel has cited concerns about safety and effectiveness in recommending against approval of Serono Lab's growth hormone designed to prevent AIDS-related wasting. Although FDA usually accepts and acts on the panel's recommendations, they've been swayed this time by the pressure of AIDS activists who say the drug prevents loss of lean body mass with few side effects.▼

Price wars!...

Merck says it will sell the newly approved protease inhibitor Indinavir (Crixivan) at a cost of $12 per day, compared to Roche's Saquinavir (Invirase), which sells for $15.89 per day. Merck says it will also provide Crixivan free to some people, and assist others find sources of reimbursement.▼

Philadelphia makers settle...

Makers of the movie "Philadelphia" maintained since the film was made that the film was based on the lives of several people including, in small part, the life of attorney Geoffrey Bowers who died in 1987 after being fired when his employer discovered he had AIDS. Bowers' family sued TriStar Pictures, claiming the popular film was based in large part on Bowers life, and that the company had told them they would be paid for the information they provided screenwriters and directors. After five days of testimony in which the family cited more than 40 similarities between scenes in the movie and what they told the filmmakers in conversations, TriStar announced an undisclosed settlement with the family.▼

Needle exchange hope...

The National Academy of Science has released the results of a study, conducted by 15 experts at the request of Congress, stating that syringe exchange programs can reduce the spread of HIV among drug users without encouraging drug use. The report supports long-existing studies showing that sharing injection equipment is the main mode of transmission among addicts. It urges that the ban on the use of federal funding for exchange programs be lifted, and that states rescind all laws restricting the sale and possession of syringes.▼

Magic's book stirs controversy...

A group of parents in New York are complaining that Magic Johnson's book, "What you can do to avoid AIDS," is inappropriate for 14 and 15 year olds because it discusses oral and anal sex. The school has stopped using the book, their guide for the past 4 years. They say they will establish a health advisory council to review all materials, and allow parents to decide if their children can take the classes.▼

Cause of fevers studied...

About 80 percent of fevers in people with HIV come from one of 8 causes, report researchers at San Francisco General Hospital. PCP pneumonia and MAC are the two most common causes of fever, but others include catheter infection, bacterial pneumonia, and lymphoma. The study urges physicians to focus on the lungs, lymph nodes, and the skin when looking for reasons for fever.▼

MGW/Linda Birner

The Sacramento AIDS Foundation recently was forced by the District Attorney's office to stop a drawing for a new car, while other nonprofits were permitted to do the same type of drawings. SAF had to refund everyone's donations, so Randy Paragary honored those ticket purchasers with a reception at this restaurant on 28th Street. $6000 or 30% of the tickets purchased were returned to SAF by people that still wanted to donate. Lisa Juran and Georgie Mering from SAF honored Paragary's Manager Steve Chang in center.

AIDS analyst sought

Lambda Letters Project, a civil rights lobbying organization, announced that the Project is seeking a volunteer with good writing skills to fill the position of AIDS Analyst.

Lambda Letters helps its members and friends write to their legislators, other public officials and sometimes to private industry, on a variety of civil rights issues, including women's issues, g/l/b/t issues, and AIDS/HIV issues.

The AIDS Analyst will spend about 10 hours a month researching possible subjects for the Project's newsletter. The analyst would also attend a monthly, two- to three-hour staff meeting in which each month's subjects are chosen, and other business of the Project is accomplished.

Leads on how to find suitable subjects will be provided, and advice on writing given if needed.

Info: Boyce Hinman, The Lambda Letters Project, 6212 Silverton Way, Carmichael, 95608; 965-6851; e-mail: BoyceH1021@aol.com▼

Closing date announced panel submissions

The NAMES Project has announced the closing date of May 31, 1996 for new panels for the next display of the entire AIDS Memorial Quilt being held this October in Washington, D.C. All memorial panels received by May 31 will be shown on the National Mall October 11-13 in the largest AIDS awareness event in history. An estimated 45,000 3'x6' panels made in memory of people lost to AIDS will be on display Columbus Day weekend.▼

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As long as you are remembered, you live!

Readers are invited to add the names of their loved ones to MGW's remembrance column. Call 648-1120 at least 30 days prior to the anniversary month of loss. Those interested in obtaining info about creating a NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Panel, call 484-5646.▼

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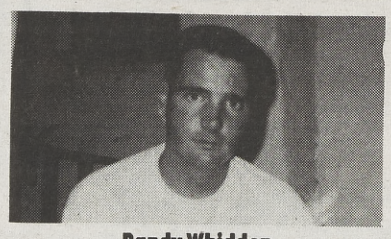

Randy Whidden

Lived in Sacramento for the past 6 years, passed away on March 9, 1996, in Laguna Honda Hospital in San Francisco. Randy was born in Florida in July 1962, and also lived in Georgia and Iowa before moving to California.

He worked with the Ritz Carlton Hotels for several years in their public relations office. In California, he volunteered with Project Inform in San Francisco, the Sacramento AIDS Foundation, and as a nurses aide in a convalescent home.

He is survived by his devoted friend Karl Reynolds of Sacramento, mother Joyce and father R.E. Whidden of Florida, brother Paul, sister-in-law Tammie, and their children Mandy, Thomas and Lindsey.

He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Memorial donations may be made in his name to SAF's Hand-to-Hand Project.▼

Steven Swart

The many people whose lives were touched by Steven Swart were saddened to hear of his recent passing at the home of his family on March 8, 1996. Steven's involvement with the Fairy Godfather's Fund and the Metropolitan Community Church was an inspiration to others. His work as a peer counselor at CARES brought comfort to the many clients he gave his support to, as well as the staff who will miss his cheery disposition and gentle heart.

At his memorial service in Trinity Cathedral, a poem called "Miss me, but let me go" left those who remember him with the thought, "When I come to the end of the road, and the sun has set for me, I want no rites in a gloom-filled room. Why cry for a soul set free?" But miss him, we shall.

Donations may be made in Steven's memory to the Fairy Godfather's Fund of Sacramento, c/o Terry Sidie at 2000 K Street, Sacramento 95816.▼

Rand Lavell Laurent

Rand Lavell Laurent, 43, former President of the Fellowship of Jesus Christ, passed away March 26, 1996. Mr. Laurent was active in many different aspects of the Sacramento Community and had been a loving and caring father, son and friend to many here. Mr. Laurent retired from UC Davis Medical Center last year following the onset of AIDS. He had worked in the clinic there for a number of years while also doing extensive research into the history of the Restoration movement of which he was a part.

As the President of the Fellowship Mr. Laurent spent a great amount of time working with others to spread the message of love and compassion throughout the g/l community to all who would listen. He was a High Priest and an Apostle in the Fellowship and conducted Temple and Worship services throughout his lifetime. His buoyant manner and smile were his weapons of choice and even though at times he could get on your nerves one never stopped wanting to be close to him.

Mr. Laurent was working with Alfred Parro'tt on a historical commentary of ancient and modern day prophets and their sayings. His other interests included the Fairy Godfathers, The Court System (CGNIE) and local events such as Rainbow Festival and Folsom Street Fair. He will be sorely missed as he managed to touch many lives here.▼

Freda Smith named "Woman of the Year"

Assemblyman Phil Isenberg has named the Reverend Elder Freda Smith "Woman of the Year" for the Ninth Assembly District. Smith has served as pastor of Sacramento Metropolitan Community Church for the past 22 years.

She was honored at the State Capitol on March 18 in the Assembly chambers with other honorees from throughout the state.

"Rev. Smith has a distinguished record of spiritual and community service, as well as being a great leader for the Sacramento g/l community — and across the world," Isenberg said.

"As a result of her hard work and unwavering commitment, Freda Smith has earned the respect and sincere devotion of the many individuals who have had the pleasure of knowing and working with her," Isenberg said.

This year marks the ninth annual ceremony to commemorate Women's History Month. It is sponsored by the Women's Caucus of the California State Legislature.▼

Couples group offers friendship, activities

The Greater Sacramento Area Couples (GSAC) is a social, educational, and humanitarian outreach organization designed exclusively for same gender couples. The group recently celebrated its fifth anniversary on February 14.

GSAC provides a source for friends, activities, and an excuse to get out on a Saturday night. GSAC, with its commitment to being a non-political social group, offers a good alternative.

General meetings are held on the second Saturday of the month. During these meetings a variety of activities take place, ranging from board games to a special version of the newlywed game to an outdoor picnic. Each month the group plans at least one additional event. Events include going to the theater, gathering at members' homes for a barbecue, and sharing the annual Thanksgiving feast.

Cost is minimal $30 semiannually per couple and a one $10 fee for badges. The semi annual dues pay for the meeting hall, monthly newsletters, and other group expenses. Some events, such as a play, may incur additional costs, but most events are free to members. Several times a year, the board finds a way to subsidize events such as the anniversary dinner or a chartered bus trip to Tahoe or Reno.

Info: Barb and Pat, 394-1715 or Tim and Todd, 920-8426.▼

Women's Weekend springs back to May

Women's Weekend on the Russian River this year goes back to its traditional spot, the first weekend in May.

"We're back where we belong, and we're ready to celebrate!" says Beth Jackson, coordinator for the popular twice-yearly event held in the resort community of Guerneville.

After delays that pushed last year's event into June, this year Women's Weekend again launches the tourist season on the Russian River on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 3-5.

The weekend offers a wide variety of entertainment and activities: a golf tournament, arts & crafts festival, block party with music, pool party, and music and dancing.

Party goers at Fife's will achieve new heights because the Lodge is now raised up and out of the flood plain. Owners David Cole and David Schaffer have made major improvements of the property.

The new Bagdad on the Green Restaurant at Northwood Golf Course will present Stuart & Rooney's Blues Country Fusion, two women with an eclectic mix of music.

BACW will host a Women's Golf Tournament at Northwood Golf Course, info: Adrienne, 707/794-9515.

The Craft Fair will be in the parking lot at the Community Services Building of Main Street, info: Terri 707/865-1140. Details: 800/253-8800.▼

Lambda Letters announces annual auction

Boyce Hinman, Administrator of the Lambda Letters Project, announced its eighth annual auction on Sunday, May 5, 3-5pm at Faces, 2000 K St. For the second year in a row, Marghe Covino will be one of the guest auctioneers.

The Lambda Letters Project helps people write to their legislators, other public officials and sometimes to private industry on civil rights issues in four subject areas. Those areas include: women's issues, g/l/b/t issues, AIDS/HIV issues and issues of concern to people of color. Last year the project gathered over 32,000 letters on those issues. In 1996, with a reorganized effort, the project has already gathered almost 20,000 letters.

Lambda Letters cuts its costs to the bone by having no paid employees but, nonetheless, it expects to spend a little over $20,000 this year. The annual auction is a major source of income for the project and this year's event needs to be bigger and better than ever to enable the project to continue its vital work.

The public is invited to attend the auction and to bring items to be auctioned. People with items to donate, but who cannot attend the event, call 965-6851.▼

A queer Tupperware-style party with a twist of pride

BePROUD!, the largest wholesaler of pride products, AIDS awareness and breast cancer awareness products, has an exciting new home-based business offer for individuals to sell BePROUD!'s 800+ items at home parties or pride festivals.

This unique and innovative program provides support and a variety of resources to help people start and be successful in their own distribution and sales business. It is also ideal for PWA's or others who can work only part-time.

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BePROUD! offers a free brochure which explains the program. BePROUD!, Box 977, Seaside, OR 97138, e-mail BePROUD@aol.com, call 503/738-4105. web: http://www.teleport.com/~beproud.▼

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Moonsisters Drum Camp returns to Sausalito April 12-14. Nurudafina Pili Abena, Carolyn Brandy, Nydia Mata and Mabiba Baegne teach rhythms of Africa, Cuba and Brazil. Classes, performances, rituals and jams. Brochure: SASE, Box 20918, Oakland, CA 94620, 510/547-8386. A Mother River Spirit event.▼

RCDC reactivation continues

The reactivation of the River City Democratic Club continues to move forward, with it's goal of contributing to the political advancement of the community.

A caretaker board was established at the March 21 meeting at Sierra 2. The caretaker board will oversee the operations until new officers are elected in May. The members are: Linda Davis and Ovon Pettaway, Co-chairs, Roy Beckhorn, Treasurer, and Chuck Poppe, Secretary.

The next meeting will be Thursday, April 18, 6:30-8:30 pm at the Lambda Center. The focus will be establishing an election committee, accept nominations for officers and a primary election update. Individuals interested in RCDC leadership positions are encouraged to attend.▼

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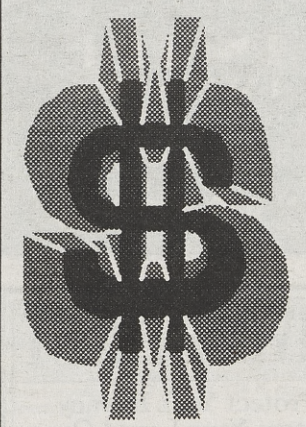
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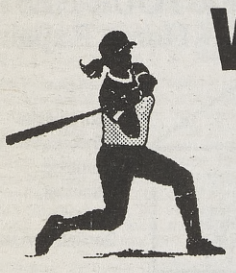
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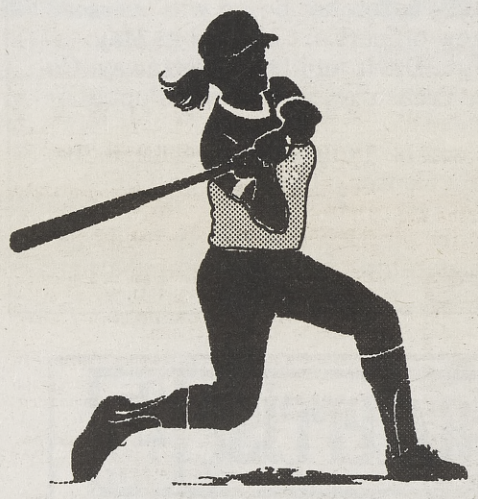

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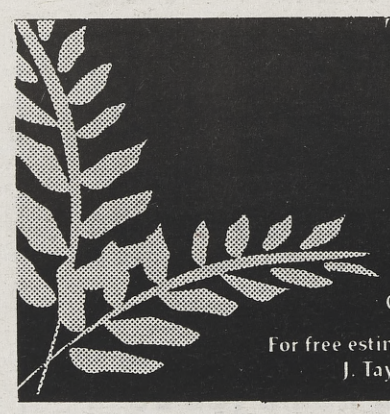
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1 MONDAY

PUBLIC HEALTH WEEK, thru April 7

APRIL FOOL'S DAY!

MCC EAGLES NEST The 12 Steps, 6pm, 1722 J St., #8.

EAGLES support group, 7pm, 991-2420

LAMBDA FREEDOM FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING, 919 20th St., 7-9pm, 456-9021.

FRONTRUNNERS, CSUS track, 6:30pm, 974-8199.

WOMEN'S CHORUS Rehearsal, new members welcome! 6:30-8:30pm, 424-4411.

MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 5:30pm, 442-0185.

RISK AWARENESS WORKSHOP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7pm, 442-0185.

2 TUESDAY

BOOK SIGNING, Jim Varley, *Legend of Joaguin Murrietta,* 7-8pm, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 1725 Arden Wy., 565-0644.

COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING, Puppy Kindergarten 6:30pm, Beginning Obedience, West Sacto. Community Ctr., 485-2201.

SOLANO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, Social gathering, Vacaville Book Co., 315 Main St., Vacaville, 7:30pm, 702/422-0868.

CAPITAL CITY SQUARES Dance class, Jefferson Elementary School, 6:30pm, 929-8697.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185.

3 WEDNESDAY

STATE NET, "Bill Drafting & Analysis," skill building for those who write or, evaluate legislation, $149, 444-0840.

BOOK SIGNING, Gil Baillie, *Violence Unveiled,* 7-8pm, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 1725 Arden Wy., 565-0644.

SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY CENTER, Passover Ceremony, 4750 Grove St., Rocklin, 7:30pm, 889-1979.

SOLANO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, Bowling, Fairfield Bowl, 9pm, 702/422-0868.

HIV+ EMOTIONAL SUPPORT GROUP, Buhler Bldg, 2800 L St., 7:30pm, 446-3734, 386-2504.

20 SOMETHINGS Social/Rap Group, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7pm, 442-0185.

MCC FAMILY NIGHT, Social Hall, 6:30pm.

FRONTRUNNERS, McKinley Park 6:30pm, 974-8199.

PANEL MAKER'S SEWING BEE, NAMES Project AIDS Memorial Quilt, Pioneer Church, 27th & L St., 6pm, 484-4164.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES, monthly potluck meeting, 421-6209.

SAC VALLEY BEARS, Wreck Room, 7pm, 484-3761.

4 THURSDAY

THERESA & ANNE CORRIGAN, authors of *To Sappho, My Sister: Lesbian Sisters Write About Their Lives,* 7pm, Lioness Books, 2224 J St., 442-4657.

BEING ALIVE LIVING ROOM, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 2-5pm, 442-0185.

WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6pm, 442-0185.

CODA, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7:30pm, 442-0185.

MCC CATHEDRAL SINGERS REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 7pm.

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 17, 10pm.

35+ LESBIAN SUPPORT GROUP, DeWitt Ctr., Auburn, 632-7080.

5 FRIDAY

RE-ENACTMENT OF LEONARDO DA VINCI'S "LAST SUPPER," MCC Church, Mather Base, 7pm, free, 362-9013, 364-4325.

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, reading group, 7pm, 455-6880.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, Central United Methodist Church, 53rd & H Sts., 7:30pm.

LAMBDA U, Free classes, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 5:30pm, 442-0185.

YOUTH RAP GROUP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6pm, 442-0185.

CAFE LAMBDA, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185.

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 17, 4pm.

WORLD'S BEST LOOKING MAN CONTEST, Palm Springs, 800/565-STUD.

THE LAMBDA PLAYERS *Edward II,* 8pm, Sierra II Dance Studio Theatre, 2791 24th St, 442-7752.

6 SATURDAY

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, day trip to Daffodil Hill, pack a lunch, 927-6038.

CAPITAL CITY AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY, 44th annual show & sale, 2-6pm, Sacto. Garden Ctr., 3330 McKinley Blvd., 421-7284.

BOOK SIGNING, Paula Caddy, *Romance for Cheapskates,* 1:30-2:30pm, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 1725 Arden Wy., 565-0644.

IN THE LIFE, "Are Gay Issues In or Out ... of the Closet?" and interview with Congressman Barney Frank & Herb Moses, KVIE Channel 6, midnight.

GODDESS FESTIVAL, Nevada City, 9am-6pm, $25 advance, $30 at the door, 274-2956.

"JUST AS I AM," Rev. Freda Smith, 2:30am, FOX 40 TV.

AMERICAN RIVER PARKWAY, Community Workdays: William B. Pond Recreation Area, Trail Improvments for Wheelchair Access Areas, 7:30am, 456-7423.

DIFFERENT SPOKES 20-mile ride, meet at Carmichael Park, Fair Oaks, 10am, 962-7434.

2ND SATURDAY Art Gallery Walk, 912 12th St., 441-1013.

EAGLES WALKING, Sarti's, Jibbom St., 10am, 991-2420.

Jiebing Chen will be performing with the Camellia Orchestra on April 20.

7 SUNDAY

CAPITAL CITY AFRICAN VIOLET SOCIETY, 44th annual show & sale, 10am-5pm, Sacto. Garden Ctr., 3330 McKinley Blvd., 421-7284.

EASTER SUNDAY

SPIRITUAL COMMUNITY CENTER, Easter Sunrise Service, 6am, Auburn Dam Overlook, 889-1979.

RIVER CITY BOWLERS, Land Park Bowl, 5850 Freeport Blvd., 6pm, 451-8663.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 11am, 442-0185.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 2pm, 442-0185.

GAY FATHERS OF SACTO 6pm, Lambda Center, 456-3237.

MCC, Worship service, 9:45am, 11am, 6pm.

FRONTRUNNERS, Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199.

BOOKSIGNING, Don & Joy Joslyn, *The First Note, The Magical Gift of Unconditional Love,* Sundance Books, Cameron Park, 2-4pm, 800-249-5854.

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 17, 10am.

YOUTH SOCIAL, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185.

EASTER EGG HUNT, Old Sacto., 10:30am children 2-4 yrs., 11am children 5-7 yrs., 11.30am children 8-10 yrs., 558-3192.

EASTER EGG-CITEMENT, Gibson Ranch Regional Park, 11am-3pm, $4/vehicle, 366-2566.

MARIA MULDAUR, children's concert, $5-$10, 3pm; evening concert, $15, 8pm, IMA Cultural Center/Studio Retreat, 585 Salmon Crk. Rd., Bodega, 707/876-3004.

THE LAMBDA PLAYERS *Lesbian Perspective,* 8pm, Sierra II Dance Studio Theatre, 2791 24th St, 442-7752.

UCD PRESENTS Varsity Series, Nnenna Freelon. 8pm, Varsity Theatre, UCD, 752-1915.

8 MONDAY

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FRONTRUNNERS, CSUS track, 6:30pm, 974-8199.

WOMEN'S CHORUS Rehearsal, new members welcome! 6:30-8:30pm, 424-4411.

MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 5:30pm, 442-0185.

YOUTH ADVISORY BOARD, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6:30pm, 442-0185.

COLORS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7pm, 442-0185.

9 TUESDAY

STATE NET, "Demystifying the Legislative Process," how the system works; how to work the system, $149, 444-0840.

AIDS INTERFAITH NETWORK, 7pm, St. John's Lutheran Church, 17th & L, 393-5367.

VALLEY KNIGHTS SPRING FEVER RIDE, Foreshtill to French Meadows Reservoir, pack a picnic lunch, meet 8:30am @ Eppies Restaurant, I-80 & Madison Ave. for breakfast, 454-5090.

BOOK GROUP MEETING, *Breath, Eyes, Memory,* RSVP by April 5, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 1725 Arden Wy., 565-0644.

k.d. lang, Convention Center Theater, 7:30pm, $32-$38, Comm. Ctr. Box Office, L St.

SOLANO-YOLO GAY MEN'S ALLIANCE, Social gathering, Vacaville Book Co., 315 Main St., Vacaville, 7:30pm, 702/422-0868.

CAPITAL CITY SQUARES Dance class, Jefferson Elementary School, 6:30pm, 929-8697.

COFFEE TALK SOCIAL, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7-9pm, 442-0185.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185.

10 WEDNESDAY

GINA LIVINGSTON, Harlow's, 2708 J St., 9:30pm, 441-4693.

COMMON SENSE DOG TRAINING, Puppy Kindergarten 6:30pm, Beginning Obedience 6:30pm, Intermediate 7pm, SPCA, 6201 Florin-Perkins Rd., 485-2201.

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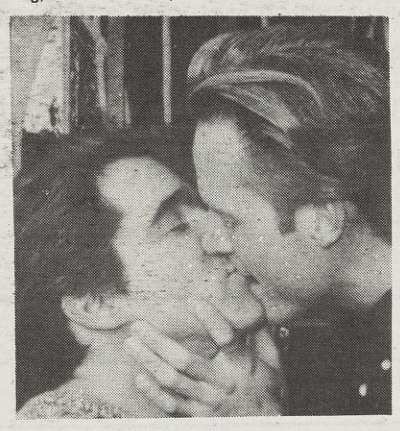

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11 THURSDAY

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WOMEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6pm, 442-0185.

MCC CATHEDRAL SINGERS REHEARSAL, Sanctuary, 7pm.

CODA, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7:30pm, 442-0185.

EAGLES Social/Table Games, Lambda Center 919 20th St., 6:30pm, 442-1085

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FRONTRUNNERS, McKinley Park 6:30pm, 974-8199.

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 17, 10pm.

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12 FRIDAY

STATE NET, "Bill Tracking & Analysis," legislative process, bill analysis and monitoring, $149, 444-0840.

JUDY SMALL, 8pm, IMA Cultural Center/Studio Retreat, 585 Salmon Crk. Rd., Boedga, $12, 707/876-3004.

DYKES OUT TOGETHER, video night, 927-6038.

LAMBDA U, Free classes, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6pm, 442-0185.

YOUTH RAP GROUP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 6pm, 442-0185.

CAFE LAMBDA, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185.

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 17, 4pm.

MOONSISTERS DRUM CAMP FOR WOMYN, Sausalito, 510/547-8386, thru April 14.

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THE LAMBDA PLAYERS *Lesbian Perspective,* 8pm, Sierra II Dance Studio Theatre, 2791 24th St, 442-7752.

SACRAMENTO SYMPHONY CLASSICS Brahm's Double Concerto, Kirk Muspratt, conductor, William Barbini, violin, Makrk Votapek, cello. Works of Kabalevsky, Brahms, Wagner and Bartok. 8pm, Community Center Theatre, 264-5181.

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13 SATURDAY

FLAGS, meeting/potluck, 4pm, 663-4951.

"CIRCLE," An eclective collective of women songwriters, 8pm, $2-$4, Capitol Garage, 444-3633.

DRAW PINKY, 9pm, Duke's Coffee Gallery, 2416 16th St.

SACTO. SPCA, Annual Booksale, Downtown Plaza, 2nd level, 10am-9pm, 383-PETS.

WILD ENCOUNTER FUNDRAISER, with sculptor John Battenberg, benefits Sacto. Zoo's Wild Encounter program, 12-4pm, Solomon Dubnick Gallery, 2131 Northrop Ave., 920-4547.

Playing all Jerry Herman's favorites, the Jerry Herman Revue "Tune the Grand Up," opening April 5 on the Delta King Riverboat in Old Sacramento, 442-5075.

SACRAMENTO SYMPHONY CLASSICS Brahm's Double Concerto, Kirk Muspratt, conductor, William Barbini, violin, Makrk Votapek, cello. Works of Kabalevsky, Brahms, Wagner and Bartok. 8pm, Community Center Theatre, 264-5181.

UCD PRESENTS Worldstage Series, Spalding Gray, Obie award-winning storyteller. 8pm, Main theatre, UCD, 752-1915.

14 SUNDAY

SACTO. SPCA, Annual Booksale, Downtown Plaza, 2nd level, 10am-9pm, 333-PETS.

AMERICAN BONSAI ASSOC. OF SACTO., Show & Sale, Sacto. Garden & Arts Ctr., 3330 McKinley Blvd., 10am-5pm, 488-6142.

BOOK SIGNING, Harry Perzyk, *Doll,* 1-2pm, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 1725 Arden Wy., 565-0644.

MCC, Worship service, 9am, 10:45am, 6pm.

RIVER CITY BOWLERS, Land Park Bowl, 5850 Freeport Blvd., 6pm, 451-8663.

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 11am, 442-0185.

NARCOTICS ANONYMOUS, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 2pm, 442-0185.

SAC CHAPTER N.O.W., "Fight the Right," march/rally, buses leave Sacramento for San Francisco, 8am, $25, 863-3004.

WORLD VIEW MUSIC FESTIVAL, "Exploration: African Roots," Sacramento Symphony, Community Center Theater, 7:30pm, 923-BASS, 264-5181.

COLLECTORS FAIR, Old Sacramento, 7am-4pm, 443-6223, rain date June 2.

CAPITOL CHAMBER PLAYERS, "Music for Voice & Other Instruments," Congregation B'nai Israel, 3600 Riverside Blvd., 3pm, $8.

CONCERT: HAWAII'S MUSIC, Makaha Sons, Cyril Pahinui, Kahawaiol'a, and Frank Hewett, 4-7pm, $25/donation, Crest Theatre, 1013 K St., tickets: 344-7270.

FIGHT THE RIGHT MARCH, San Francisco, 202/331-0066.

UCD PRESENTS, Worldstage Series, Klezmer Conservatory band. 8pm, Freeborn Hall, UCD, 752-1915.

15 MONDAY

SACTO. SPCA, Annual Booksale, Downtown Plaza, 2nd level, 10am-9pm, 383-PETS.

MCC EAGLES NEST The 12 Steps, 6pm, 1722 J St., #8.

FRONTRUNNERS, CSUS track, 6:30pm, 974-8199.

WOMEN'S CHORUS Rehearsal, new members welcome! 6:30-8:30pm, 424-4411.

MEN'S COMING OUT GROUP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 5:30pm, 442-0185.

SAGLE (EDUCATORS), Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7pm, 442-0185.

RISK AWARENESS WORKSHOP, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 7pm, 442-0185.

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DYKES OUT TOGETHER, wildflower hike, bring a lunch, 756-4859.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURES, dayhike @ Pt. Reyes, 421-6209.

BOOK SIGNING, Terris Grimes, *Somebody Else's Child,* 11am-12noon, Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 1725 Arden Wy., 565-0644.

"JUST AS I AM," Rev. Freda Smith, 2:30am, FOX 40 TV.

WOMEN'S MUSIC NIGHT & RAINBOW DANCE! The Davis Saloon, 228 G St., Davis, 8:30pm-1am, $2.

SACRAMENTO LESBIAN MOM & KIDS GROUP, 1pm, 364-8653 or 725-9094.

EAGLES WALKING, Sarti's, Jibbom St., 10am, 991-2420.

FRONTRUNNERS, Guy West Bridge, 9am, 974-8199.

BEING GAY TODAY, Channel 17, 10am.

YOUTH SOCIAL, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 8pm, 442-0185.

GSAC, Bunko night/general meeting, 729-3799.

GAY FATHERS, meeting, Lambda Center, 919 20th St., 456-3237.

THE LAMBDA PLAYERS *Edward II,* 8pm, Sierra II Dance Studio Theatre, 2791 24th St, 442-7752.

GALLERIES

Artistes Studio Gallery, "Soul's Surrender," Carl Sechrist, Stacey Pollard, John Jasper Jones III, April 10-May 4, reception: April 13, 6-8pm, 1723 I St. 441-1286.

Barbetta's, "Food for Our Souls," Joey Garcia, Pam Avery, Margery Brooks, Barbetta, Angelika Mahle, April 5-May 1; reception April 13, 6-8pm, 2316 J St., 443-4959.

Big Art, Watercolors by Eddie Camacho, drawings by Laurie Hicklin, thru April 5; "Breathing Room," mixed media Lauren Dana Kline, Max Meyers, April 9-May 3, reception: May 11, 7-9pm, 1928 L St., 446-2740.

Blooming Art, "One-of-a-Kind Adornment for the Home," Liz Berry, Harvey Schulze, Abundio, Cori Kelly, Jessee Morales, Anne Austin, Lee Milhalic, reception: April 13, 6-9pm, 1901 Capitol Ave., 442-3800.

Calif. Palace of The Legion of Honor, Pergamon: The Telephos Frieze from the Great Altar, May 4-Sept. 8, Paris Modern: The Swedish Ballet 1920-1925 June 15-Sept. 8; Masterworks of Modern Sculpture from the Nasher Collection, Oct.-Jan. 1997; In The Mind's Eye: Dutch Paintings from Utrecht in the Golden Age, June 1997-August 1997, 34th Ave. & Clement St., San Francisco, 415/863-3330.

Center for Contemporary Art, "Multi-Media Installation," Kathy Higgins, Sat. & Sun. thru April 12, 1516 Del Paso Blvd., 448-5044.

Crocker Art Museum, Critiques of Pure Abstraction, thru May 5; Gladys Nilsson: Recent Work thru April 14, Made in Sacramento thru April 15, Thiebaud Selects Thiebaud: A 40-Year Survey from Private Collections, April 21-August 4, 17th Annual Evaluation & Appraisal Day, April 27, 10am-3:30pm, $7-$30; 70th Crocker-Kingsley Jurried Art Exhbition May 31-July 11, 216 O St. 264-7372.

De Young Museum, Nothing Lost from the Original: William Wiley Looks at Art History thru April 7; John James Audubon, thru April 14; Faberge in America May 25-July 28; The Enjoyment of African Art: Masks and Sculptures from the Michael R. Heide Collection Nov.-March 1997; Beat Culture and the New America: 1950-1965 Oct. 5-Dec. 29; The Peale Family: Creation of a Legacy, 1770-1870 Jan. 26, '97-April 6, '97; Life and Afterlife in Ancient Peru: Treasures from the Museo Arqueologico Rafael Larco Herrera May '97-August '97.

Dukes, "Vertically Challenged," photography by Matt Kennedy thru May 10; reception: April 13 8-midnight, 2416 16th St., 444-5563.

Fantasy Games, Comic Press News Award Winners, 1024 10th St., April 1-30.

Galeria de la Raza/Studio 24 "Andando Lejos" by Tamoanchan, thru April 27, 24th & Bryant, San Francisco, 415/826-8009.

Matrix Gallery, Davis and Davis, Charlotte Myers, thru April 5; Anne Bagby, Marie Maretska, Mary Norman, April 10-May 3, reception: April 13, 6-9pm, 1725 I St. 441-4818.

Michael Himovitz Gallery, Gary Epting, Kurt Kemp, Mark Perleman, thru April 13, receptions: April 13, 7-9pm; Chooi Goh, Margaret Woodcock, Eric Wyss, April 17-May 24, reception: May 11, 7-9pm, 1020 10th St, 448-8723.

Phantom Galleries, Second Saturday, Second Shift: Richard Toronto & Bob Keller "The Restless and the Dead," Sharon Rhines "Double Take," 1511AS Del Paso Blvd., ADAC "World's Most Memorable Poster Exhibit," 1511B Del Paso Blvd., Carol Abbe, 1001 Del Paso Blvd., Mike & Cherie Miller, 1405 Del Paso Blvd., Kathy Higgins, 1516 Del Paso Blvd., KVIE Auction Preview, 2030 Del Paso Blvd., Doug Austin, 1709 Del Paso Blvd., Taylor Gutermute, "The Veils of Huanity," 2170 Edgewater Rd.; music: Blue Soul, 8pm, April 13, Black Birds, 6pm, April 14, 925-6773.

Quicksilver Mine Co., Artwalk in Sebastopol, first Thurs. every month, 5:30-8pm; Dancing at the Codfish Ball, wearable art by Kate Bishop & Annie Roberts, April 4-May 12. 154 N. Main St., Sebastopol, 707/829-2416.

Ritts Gallery, Patricia Iwahiro-Kemmick, Ema Loann Deans, Pate Munson, Mark Inge Saastad, and Steve Ritts, 6005 Auburn Blvd., #100, 729-8244.

Solomon Dubnick, bronze sculpture by John Battenberg, works on paper by Jeff Myers, April 4-May 4, reception: April 13, 6-9pm; new paintings by Craig Smith May 9-June 1; Introductions '96 July 11-Aug. 3; Rock the Rez: artwork by leading contemporarynative American artists Aug. 8-Sept. 28; Textiles by D.R. Wagner Oct. 3-Nov. 2; Paintings by Robert Else, Sculpture by Jorjana Holden Nov. 7-Dec. 7; 2131 Northrop, 920-4547.

Shenandoah Vineyards, Carol Attoe - Ceramic Wall Hanging, Rock Art, Robert Davis Montgomery - Acrylic Latex on Canvas/Collage & Watercolors, April 5-June 3, reception: April 6, 1-4pm, 12300 Steiner Rd., Plymouth, 209/245-4455.

Thomas A. Oldham Gallery, "Upon Time..." new work by D.L. Thomas April 3-May 6; reception: April 13, 7-9pm, 1729 L St., 444-9624.

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MASTER CALENDAR

3rd Annual Lesbian Film Festival	April 19
Michael Feinstein in Concert	May 1
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AIDS Candlelight Memorial & Mobilization	May 19
Envision[22]: Perspective, 731-8802	May 31-June 2
CAP/PAC Annual Dinner	June 1
Lambda G/L/B/ Freedom Fair, 442-0185	June 8
Valley Knights 20th Anniversary Celebration @ French Meadows	June 14-16
S.F. Int'l L/G Film Festival, 415/703-8650	June 21-30
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THEATER

B Street Theatre, *Cloud Tectonics,* April 14-May 12, *Why We Have a Body,* June 2-30, *Disgruntled Workers,* July 14-Aug. 11, *An Offering by Moonlight,* Sept. 1-29, *Below the Belt,* Oct. 13-Nov. 10, 2711 B St., 443-5300.

Broadway Series, *An Inspector Calls,* Apr. 2 - 7; *Ain't Misbehavin',* May 28-Jun 2., Sacramento Light Opera Assoc., Community Center Theatre, 1301 L St, 264-5181.

Broadway Playhouse, *Cottin Patch Gospel — The Greatest Story Ever Retold,* thru April 6, 4010 El Camino Ave., 489-6880.

Chautauqua Playhouse, *The White Rose,* March 1-April 6; *Dial M for Murder,* April 19-May 25; 5325 Engle Rd., Carmichael, 489-PLAY.

Club Fugazi, *Beach Blanket Babylon,* 678 Green St., 415/421-4222.

CSUS Theatre Arts, *My Queer Body,* April 20, CSUS University Theatre, 278-6604.

Delta King Riverboat Theatre, *Tune the Grand Up,* Old Sacramento, 442-5075.

DMB Productions, *Temporary Heroes,* April 5-20, Thistle Dw Dessert Theatre, 1901 P St., 488--2124.

Garbeau's, *Glenn Miller Orchestra,* April 17; *Private Lives,* March 15-May 5; *Spider's Web, A Portrait of Patsy Cline,* May 8-June 2; July 12-Sept. 15; *Dracula,* Sept. 20-Nov. 24; *Holidazzle,* Nov. 29-Dec. 30. 12401 Folsom Blvd., 985-6361.

Geery Theatre, *Dancing with Desire: a Poetic Fandango with the Erotic and the Bawdy,* April 6-27, 22nd & L Sts. (the old Show Below space), 922-9774.

Golden Gate Theatre, *Andrew Lloyd Webber — Music of the Night,* thru April 7; *An Inspector Calls,* April 9-May 5, 1 Taylor @ Market, San Francisco, 415/776-1999.

The Lambda Players, *Edward II,* Apr 5-May 4; *The Killing of Sister George* in rep with *The Boys in the Band,* May 31-Jul 6. 442-7752.

Music Circus, *The Unsinkable Molly Brown, July 8-14, The Gig,* July 15-21, *Kiss Me, Kate July 22-28, The Sound of Music,* July 29-Aug. 4, *Kismet,* Aug. 5-11, *Fiddler on the Roof,* Aug. 12-18, *Jesus Christ Superstar,* Aug. 19-25, 1419 H St., 557-1999.

Sacramento City Actors Theatre, *The Lands of the Dragon,* thru April 27, *Rosencrantz and Guildenstern Are Dead,* April 19-May 18, *The Fifteen Minute Hamlet,* July-Aug., 3835 Freeport Blvd., 558-2228.

Sacramento Light Opera, *An Inspector Calls,* April 2-7, Sacramento Community Center Theater, 1301 L St., 264-5181.

Sacramento Theatre Co, *Measure for Measure,* thru April 18; *Candida,* thru April 11; Acting Out, *Three Women With All The Time in the World,* Tues., Weds., Thurs. thru April 1; *Lonely Planet,* thru-May 29; *Broken Glass,* May 9-May 30, 1419 H St, 443-6722.

Senior Players of American River Community, *Brief Encounters of the Third Age,* April 26-May 12, Broadway Academy, 4010 El Camino Ave., 344-1768.

UC Davis Dramatic Art, *Fruit Cocktail,* April 19, UC Davis Main Theatre, 752-1915.

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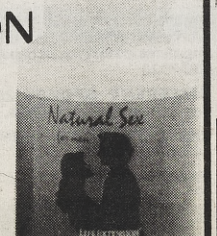

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FOZZI WANTS YOGI
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HANKY SPANKY
Masculine AM top seeks naughty WM, 18-45, with repressed spanking needs. Prefer clean-cut, masculine guys. Preppies, jocks, military, cowboys a+. Limits respected. If you have a mischievous disposition, I have what it takes to correct it. (4/30) ✆1337

HOT LATIN BOTTOM
Passive Latin submissive bottom seeks good looking top, 18-35 years old, any race for discreet encounters, athletic oriented males and professionals who are romantic and lovers. I am 32, attractive, fair-skinned needed dominant big men. (4/30) ✆1341

OPEN CASTING CALL
Local Sacramento celebrity, 6'3", 200 lbs., brown hair, blue eyed leading man looking for co-star in the ultimate romantic comedy. Please! No drama or horror types. WLTM mature thespian with star quality, sincere heart, great legs and no skeletons in closet! (4/14) ✆1316

WANTING TO MOVE TO CALIFORNIA
Loving, affectionate, disabled male, 45, on Social Security, looking for well off, but, not required, ND/NS, bottom, age 19-45, who is very femme, etc., who likes Star Trek, movies, computers, classical music, etc. (4/14) ✆1317

BLACK ONLY
GWM seeks BM 20-40, your pleasure is my pleasure. Must be discreet. I enjoy giving pleasure. Be THE One. (4/14) ✆1319

LIGHT SEEKING DARK
Professional GWM, 32, 6', 180#, blond/blue WLTM someone of olive to black complexion. Must be open-minded, honest, responsible, and fun loving. Likes include dining out, walking, travel , and music. Take a chance! (4/14) ✆1323

SEEKING MR. RIGHT
I'm 5'9", 155#, 39 yr. old GWM. Attractive, educated, HIV-. Like theatre, travel, reading, down to earth stuff and more. Looking for similar, ND, LA. Possible LTR. (4/14) ✆1324

ONLY ONE MAN
that's what I need! This GWM, 38, 5'8", 195 seeking that special person. I like country dancing, day trips, general date things, you 26-50, height and weight proportionate. Call me! All calls returned! (4/14) ✆1315

VIDEO BUDDY WANTED
45 yr. old GWM WLTM wkdy afternoons. U provide VCR & clean drug/smoke free environment, I will supply the tapes. Physically handicap OK but must be clean and in good health. (4/14) ✆1276

SAMPLE AD
Gay, erudite, 35, German professional, nice looking cosmopolitan charmer, NS, discreet, has a penchant for extraordinarily dynamic, multifaceted, American gent, for friendship, visits and possibly more. Prefer active, v. tall and hirsute type.

SAMPLE AD
Middling years, middling shape; old soul, with intellect and humor. Looking for correspondent with similar credentials.

SAMPLE AD
Adventurer/writer/actor singlehanded sailor (SF to Costa Rica) now innkeeper in Nevada City, seeks like-minded financially secure fellow (45-55) for lasting relationship.

SAMPLE AD
Remembering how to play; unwrapping each day like a surprise package: energetic, practical, artistic, mid 50's, seeks: generous, content, creative male for LTR.

SAMPLE AD
Biologist, 45, tall, good-looking, muscular, waiting for creative man to steal my heart. To share literature, Beethoven, oysters, kisses. Please be compassionate, principles, enchanting.

SAMPLE AD
My son, the professor, is a young multilingual academic star. Tall, slim, handsome, extremely personable, he loves laughter and people, generous, warmhearted, down-to-earth, is fit, jogs, canoes, and sails. Though he is a workaholic, he makes sure he has time for a partner to enjoy life. His younger sister thinks he is too romantic. His younger brother thinks he just wants to marry a replica of his adventurous father. His grandmother thinks there are not enough men who can talk about hockey. His mother urges patience. All his family members have different explanations of why the oldest sibling, who is so accomplished and such a terrific guy, has not found someone. Hence the ad of which he is aware, but skeptical. Help me increase the chances of letting a most wonderful son find a suitable mate!

SAMPLE AD
Retired academic seeks a special guy, 48-58, for summer tryst: concerts, theater, good conversation and whatever else happens!

LESBIANS SEEKING LESBIANS

NEW TO SACRAMENTO
GWF, 35, 5'9", slim. Have lived/worked in Europe for many ears. Would like to meet mature, down to earth, kind, honest and active lesbians. Enjoy golf, skiing, travel, red wine, theater and the outdoors. Friends first. (5/14) ✆1373

WORTH KNOWING
Straight, SWCF, 38, has many interests, seeks short SWCF friend to go to yard sales with. I like conversation and girl talk. NS/DF. If you have these qualities, please call! (4/30) ✆1365

SENSUAL, COMPASSIONATE WOMAN
Sensual compassionate, soft butch seeking sensual compassionate femme who needs to cuddle, talk, go to movies, dinners, dancing. Willing to take AIDS test. SGWF, blnd/hazel eyes, 40 years of age. (4/30) ✆1364

GENTLE WAVE
Warm, creative, spiritual, bright, grounded outdoors child loving ocean person seeking like 35+ gentle woman to celebrate life's unfolding with ND/NBi. (4/30) ✆1358

SAMPLE AD
Land Park, GWF, 49, books, kindness, comfort, jokes, laughter, tears, companionship, professional woman, Ivy, seeks opportunity to express her other side. I'd like to cook, garden, love, be a woman.

SAMPLE AD
Five single women not waiting to exhale cordially invite you for a small cocktail party. Fun, accomplished professionals 35-55 who have explored all continents except Antarctica. We love a good joke, words and the ocean in mid-June. Bring your sense of humor and leave your serious side at home.

SAMPLE AD
Caring and creative therapist/academic/dancer, GWF, slim, pretty loves theater, Bach, Mozart, seeks an active, thinking woman who likes to give and get, laugh and snuggle.

SAMPLE AD
Attractive woman writer, youthful 50's, likes canned tuna and TV reruns, seeks fascinating woman.

LOOK NO FURTHER!
Attractive, affectionate, honest, secure, devoted, sense of humor, GWF, 38, 5'10", 160#, brown/brown enjoys quiet times, camping, movies, long walks, and dancing. Seeking similar GF. NS/ND/No Bi's. (4/14) ✆1354

COME GET THIS
Very cute, sexy, soft butch searching cautiously for warm woman for possible LTR, race unimportant, confidence very important. (4/30) ✆1335

AMAZON PRINCESS SEEKS
Gentle giant to share Camelot romance with. I believe in fairytales, moonlight walks, whispered kisses and touching hearts. No drugs/no games only sincere romantics to share time with. (4/14) ✆1325

BOXER SHORTS
I'm slacks and jeans, quiet evenings, occasional party animal. You're lipstick and lace, old fashioned, yet cutting edge. We're two honest and spiritual women looking for possible long-term relationship. No tobacco smokers. HGT/WGT reasonably proportionate. (4/14) ✆1318

PASSIONATE & ROMANTIC
Attractive SGW femme, 35, loves music, animals, camping, fireplaces. Seeking positive thinking, child-free butch/soft butch/androgynous SGF for friendship, possible LTR. Are you the one I'd walk in the snow barefoot for? LA/ND (4/14) ✆1322

AD OF THE WEEK

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I SAW YOU

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SEDUCTION OPPORTUNITY
Bi/Cpl/F/M mature, romantic, sensual, interested in mutually satisfying erotic experiences in nudism, lifestyle, and social activities. 50+ educated, refined, gentleman ready for first bi experience and fantasies, fullfilment. Attractive, greying, tall, healthy and anxious to explore and experiment, respecting everyone's limits. (4/30) ✆1363

HONESTLY INTROSPECTIVE, COMPASSIONATE
SWF seeks similar-minded someone for loving, equal monogamous partnership, friendship first, to share deep feelings, laughs, playfulness, cuddles and sensuality. Qualities more important than gender. Interest in the arts, movies a plus. I'm 37, attractive, health-conscious, Foothills resident. (4/14) ✆1353

DO YOU HAVE TIME TO SPARE?
MWM looking for someone special to spend free time with. Ideal would be bi-male, female or cross dresser that can pass in public. I am 40 yrs., 6'3", 280 lbs., clean, educated, middle class, wanting closeness, any age. (4/30) ✆1338

INEXPERIENCED SWF
Forever attracted to women; wants to try at age 36! Red head, full-figured, tall. Love travel, cats, dining, arts. Seek educated feminine, attractive, healthy and respectful woman who likes to laugh, NS, ND, LA. Please leave a detailed reply! (4/14) ✆1321

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27-year-old lesbian new from Pac NW seeks friends to explore California. I do anything that offers enlightenment. An adrenaline rush or plain fun. If you know a great place, from the City to the Sierra's — let's go! (4/30) ✆1340

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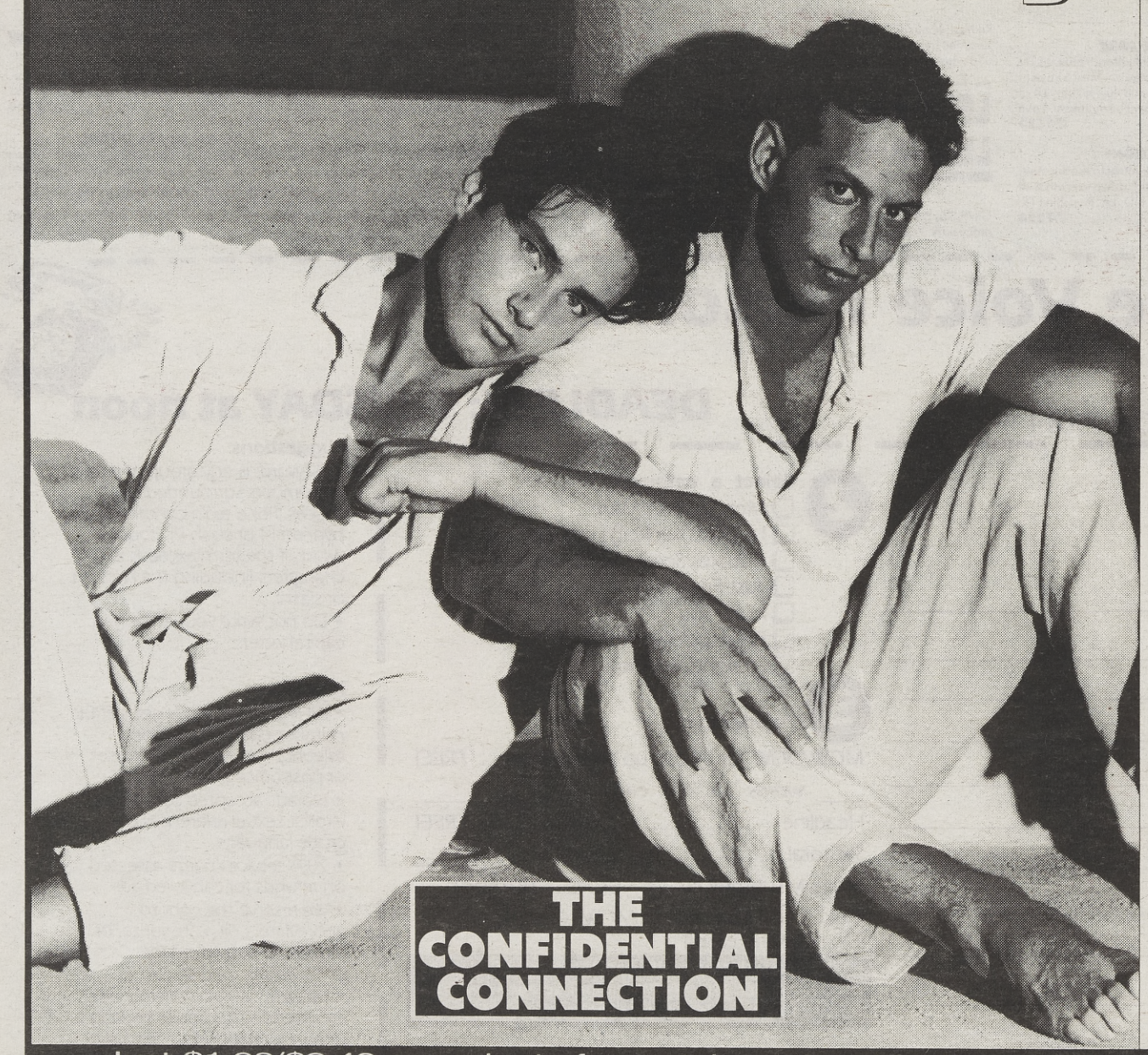

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